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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, ON PAGE 245]

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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MAY I SAY GOOD MORNING? MAY I  
7   SAY GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE? AND WE WELCOME YOU TO THE  
8   REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
9   SUPERVISORS, TODAY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 24TH. WE NOTE IF  
10  PRESENCE OF A QUORUM WITH BOTH SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND KNABE  
11  AND OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS PAUL COBLENTZ, NEW AND IMPROVED, IS  
12  IN PLACE AS WELL AS OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL WILLIAM  
13  T FUJIOKA. OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, JOHN KRATTLI AND OUR EXECUTIVE  
14  OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI. THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION AT THE  
15  INVITATION OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS BHANTE  
16  CHAO CHU, WHO IS OF THE LOS ANGELES BUDDHIST UNION  
17  REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY OF ROSEMEAD AND OUR PLEDGE VETERAN  
18  WILL BE RICHARD CASTELLANO, FIRST VICE COMMANDER CHAPTER NO.  
19  1898, PASADENA MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AT THE  
20  INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH. LADIES AND  
21  GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE FOR THIS MORNING'S  
22  INVOCATION.

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24  **BHANTE CHAO CHU:** WE ARE ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY ON TUESDAY,  
25  SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, IN THIS HALL FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LET US OFFER OUR PRAYERS  
2 FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTICIPANTS. MAY THE DECISIONS THAT  
3 ARE MADE TODAY BE PROFITABLE TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
4 COUNTY AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. LET US COMMIT OURSELVES TO  
5 BUILD UPON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR  
6 DUTIES TO CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED. LET US PROMOTE  
7 COOPERATION AMONG OURSELVES. LET US ALL COME TOGETHER IN THE  
8 SPIRIT OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND DIFFERENT VIEWS THAT MAY  
9 ARISE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS. MAY ALL DECISIONS BE MADE FOR THE  
10 GREATER GOOD. MAY THE VISION AND COMPASSION OF THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS NURTURE THE GOALS OF HAPPINESS FOR THE RESIDENTS  
12 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LET US OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR COLLECTIVE  
13 WISDOM SO THAT EVERYONE MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS MEETING. LET US  
14 PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE FRIENDLIER, MORE CARING AND MORE  
15 UNDERSTANDING. MAY JOY, BLESSING AND PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL IN  
16 THE PURSUIT OF THESE NOBLE ENDEAVORS. MAY ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
17 BOARD BE WELL AND HAPPY. MAY ALL RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY BE WELL AND HAPPY. MAY ALL BEINGS BE WELL AND HAPPY.  
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **RICHARD CASTELLANO:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND  
22 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
23 RECITED.]

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. WE CALL ON  
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO INTRODUCE THIS MORNING'S INVOCATEUR.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. JOIN ME UP HERE. IT'S MY HONOR  
5 THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO  
6 BHANTE CHAO CHU. TODAY WE WANT TO WELCOME HIM. HE SERVES AS  
7 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES BUDDHIST UNION IN ROSEMEAD. THE  
8 BUDDHIST UNION PROMOTES SPIRITUALITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
9 AND OFFERS A FULL RANGE OF COMPASSIONATE SERVICES FOR THE  
10 LOCAL COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE REGION.  
11 BHANTE IMMIGRATED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN 1981. IN ADDITION  
12 TO HIS SERVICE WITH THE BUDDHIST UNION, HE HAS SERVED WITH THE  
13 CENTER OF BUDDHIST DEVELOPMENT, THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF  
14 BUDDHISM, AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUDDHIST  
15 UNIVERSITIES. WE WANT TO THANK HIM NOT ONLY FOR JOINING US  
16 TODAY, BUT ALSO THE LEADERSHIP HE PROVIDES IN HIS COMMUNITY  
17 AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR, AND THANK YOU  
18 FOR JOINING US. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
21 AND WE NOW TURN TO SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH TO  
22 INTRODUCE HIS MORNING'S PLEDGE VETERAN.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN WE WANT TO  
25 THANK RICHARD CASTELLANO WHO CAME DOWN TO LEAD US IN THE



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1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. RESIDENT OF PASADENA, MEMBER OF THE  
2 MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, CHAPTER 1898 IN PASADENA  
3 WHERE HE SERVES AS FIRST VICE COMMANDER. HE SERVED IN THE  
4 UNITED STATES ARMY AS A SERGEANT DURING THE VIETNAM WAR WITH  
5 THE NINTH INFANTRY BETWEEN 1966 AND 1968. HE GRADUATED JOHN  
6 MUIR HIGH SCHOOL AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS  
7 ANGELES AND HE IS RETIRED FROM A.T.&T.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME EXECUTIVE  
10 OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED WITH CALLING THE AGENDA FOR  
11 TODAY.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING TO YOU,  
14 AS WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN  
15 TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2, PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON  
16 ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE SET  
17 TIME FOR THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 11 O'CLOCK A.M. TO  
18 10:30 A.M. ON ITEM S-3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT  
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS. ON ITEM S-4, WHICH WAS  
20 ADDED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS WILL BE HELD AT 11  
21 O'CLOCK A.M. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM NO. 1-D, ON THIS ITEM,  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
24 THE ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
25 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.

3 SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. IF  
4 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS  
7 1 THROUGH 5, ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT  
8 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 8TH. AND ON THIS  
9 ITEM, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
10 HOLD THE ITEM. THE OTHER ITEMS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, WE WILL  
11 HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
12 ITEMS 6 THROUGH 17, ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
13 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON THIS ITEM,  
14 ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
15 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 11,  
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
18 THREE WEEKS. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 12, THIS INCLUDES  
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON THE  
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM  
23 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS  
24 ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM,  
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF



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1 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14,  
2 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
3 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 17, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
4 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AND HOW FAR DO WE GO  
8 AT THAT POINT, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER? THE REMAINING UP TO  
9 WHAT POINT?

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM 17.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE  
14 BEFORE US AS INDICATED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ANY  
15 OBJECTIONS? SEEING NONE, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 14, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
18 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 28, ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 8, 2013. ON  
20 ITEM NO. 19, THIS ITEM WILL BE TABLED UNTIL LATER IN THE  
21 MEETING, AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF  
22 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
23 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, THIS  
24 INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
25 AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER



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1 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 25,  
2 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
3 ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
4 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
5 VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A  
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE  
7 19-- NO, EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY. AND THAT COMPLETES THE CONSENT  
8 CALENDAR. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THE  
11 READING OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR UP TO THIS POINT. THE BALANCE  
12 IS BEFORE US. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? SEEING NONE, PLEASE  
13 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 19, ORDINANCES FOR  
16 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS NO. 29 AND 30. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT  
17 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 29, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
18 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION,  
19 RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF NEW AND INCREASED FRAUD  
20 NOTIFICATIONS AND RELATED FEES WHEN RECORDING CERTAIN REAL  
21 ESTATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING NOTICE. ON THIS  
22 ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
23 THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 30, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR  
24 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, AND  
25 TITLE 6, SALARIES RELATING TO FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARY



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1 CHANGES. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
2 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 20, DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO.  
3 31, THIS ITEM WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. AND IT WILL BE  
4 TAKEN UP WITH ITEM NO. 32-E. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE  
5 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED--

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 28 AND  
12 CHANGE MY NO VOTE TO AN AYE VOTE, PLEASE?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM NO. 28, THE CHAIR WISHES  
15 TO--

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON CHAIR 28, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
18 IS HOLDING IT, SO WE'LL CHANGE IT AT THAT POINT. THANK YOU.  
19 WE'RE ON PAGE 21, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED  
20 MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON  
21 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 32-A, THERE'S A REQUEST  
22 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON 32-B,  
23 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
24 ITEM. ITEM NO. 32-C IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. 32-C IS BEFORE US.  
2 MEMBERS, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THAT ITEM?  
3 SEEING NONE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
4 SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 32-D, SUPERVISOR  
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
8 OFFICE AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO THE MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE MODEL.  
9 AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR  
10 ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
11 HELD. ON ITEM 32-E, AGAIN THIS RELATES TO ITEM NO. 31, THE  
12 DISCUSSION ITEM, AND IT WILL BE TAKEN UP DURING THE DISCUSSION  
13 ON ITEM 31. ON PAGE 24, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM NO.  
14 C.S.-1 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO  
15 WEEKS TO OCTOBER 8, 2013. ON ITEM NO. C.S.-2, AS INDICATED ON  
16 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS  
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 8, 2013. AND  
18 ON ITEM NO. C.S.-4, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,  
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
20 TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 8, 2013. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING  
21 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE  
25 DELIGHTED ONCE AGAIN TO HAVE L.A. COUNTY STARS WITH US HERE



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1 TODAY. AND WE HAVE TWO GROUPS WHO WE WILL PRESENT. AND WE  
2 BEGIN WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE INTERNAL  
3 SERVICES DEPARTMENT RADIO TEAM HAS SHOWED UP AND THEY HAVE  
4 SHOWED OUT, HOW ABOUT THAT? AND ACTING DIRECTOR JIM JONES WITH  
5 THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD  
6 OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. USED BY NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS  
7 AND SERVING THE COUNTY'S PRIMARY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR  
8 DISASTER RECOVERY, THE COUNTY-WIDE INTEGRATED RADIO SYSTEM WAS  
9 TRAPPED IN OBSOLETE RADIO TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, FACED WITH  
10 FISCAL TIMES, A COUNTY-PAID UPGRADE WAS NOT FEASIBLE. AND SO  
11 THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RADIO TEAM DESIGNED AND  
12 NEGOTIATED AN OPT-OUT, CASH-OUT ACCORD TO COMPLY WITH PROGRAM  
13 REQUIREMENTS FOR REBANDING ALL PROCURED-- AND ALSO PROCURED A  
14 \$20 MILLION STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADE AT ZERO  
15 COST TO THE COUNTY. I SAID ZERO COST TO THE COUNTY. THAT  
16 DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE ALL BY ITSELF. [APPLAUSE.] SO AS  
17 A RESULT, IT GETS BETTER, AS A RESULT, THEY WERE THE FIRST IN  
18 THE WESTERN U.S. WITH AN F.C.C.C.-APPROVED UPGRADE. AND THIS  
19 PREPARES THE COUNTY FOR INTEROPERABILITY WITH FUTURE STATE-OF-  
20 THE-ART PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS. SO THE I.S.D. RADIO TEAM IS A  
21 TRUE REFLECTION OF HOW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE MEETING THE GOAL  
22 OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. SO PLEASE  
23 JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE I.S.D. RADIO TEAM FOR THEIR  
24 OUTSTANDING WORK. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T  
25 YOU? [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. LET'S HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU?  
2 [APPLAUSE.] WHICH IS EXCEPTIONAL DIRECTOR SHERYL SPILLER, THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE CONSISTED OF 300 STANDALONE PHYSICAL SERVERS  
5 SUPPORTING VARIOUS COMPUTER APPLICATIONS USED BY OVER 13,000  
6 EMPLOYEES WHO ADMINISTER AID TO APPROXIMATELY 2.4 MILLION  
7 CLIENTS. AND THESE SERVERS WERE DISTRIBUTED ACROSS 63  
8 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS CONSUMING ENORMOUS POWER, DEMANDING  
9 EXPANSIVE COOLING SYSTEMS AND OCCUPYING VALUABLE COUNTY OFFICE  
10 SPACE. WELL, THE PROJECT TEAM ENABLED THE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE  
11 ITS SERVERS BY 66.7 PERCENT, THEREBY IMPROVING MAINTENANCE AND  
12 SUPPORT AS WELL AS STABILITY FOR THE REMAINING SERVERS. THIS  
13 CONSOLIDATION IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE SAVED D.P.S.S. ABOUT \$3  
14 MILLION OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. ADDITIONALLY, THE EFFORTS  
15 OF THIS PROJECT TEAM WITH D.P.S.S. RECEIVED AN ENERGY SAVINGS  
16 REBATE INCENTIVE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON IN THE AMOUNT  
17 OF \$11,000, AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. I'M LOOKING FOR MY REBATE  
18 FROM EDISON. ANYBODY WANT A REBATE FROM EDISON? THEY'VE TAKEN  
19 ENOUGH ALREADY. SUPERVISOR? A REBATE FROM EDISON? THANK YOU SO  
20 MUCH. THE REBATE WAS FOR DECOMMISSIONING NUMEROUS SERVERS AND  
21 SAVING THE ASSOCIATED ENERGY COSTS AT D.P.S.S. HEADQUARTERS.  
22 HERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW DEPARTMENTS ARE MEETING THE GOAL  
23 OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. SO  
24 PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE SERVER CONSOLIDATION  
25 VIRTUALIZATION PROJECT TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



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1 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK. A BIG ROUND OF  
2 APPLAUSE FOR THEM, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
3 SAVING MONEY. THAT'S A GOOD THING. NEXT UP? SUPERVISOR KNABE  
4 ANY PRESENTATIONS TODAY? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR  
5 PRESENTATIONS?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE 65TH  
8 ANNIVERSARY OF ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH LOCATED IN THE  
9 BEAUTIFUL CITY OF ALHAMBRA. TODAY WITH US IS FATHER ERASMUS  
10 SERRANO AND FATHER O'NEAL ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE PARISH. IT  
11 WAS FOUNDED BACK IN MAY, 1948, MAY 5, 1948. ST. THOMAS MORE  
12 PARISH IS NAMED AFTER THOMAS MORE WHO WAS AN ENGLISH LAWYER, A  
13 SOCIAL PHILOSOPHER, AN AUTHOR, RENAISSANCE MAN WHO WAS  
14 BEHEADED FOR DEFENDING HIS CHRISTIAN FAITH BY KING HENRY VIII.  
15 FOR MORE THAN 65 YEARS, ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HAS BEEN A  
16 PLACE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO UNITE TO CELEBRATE THEIR FAITH,  
17 SHARE THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY AND CARRY OUT THE GREAT  
18 COMMISSION. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE PARISH ON THEIR 65  
19 YEARS AND WISH YOU ANOTHER GREAT 65 YEARS IN THE FUTURE. NONE  
20 OF US WILL BE HERE, BUT HOPEFULLY WE'LL LEAVE A LEGACY,  
21 THERE'LL BE OTHERS WILL CARRY ON THIS TRADITION. TWO FATHERS  
22 HERE, FATHER ONE.

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24 **FR. ERASMUS SERRANO:** HI, I'M FATHER ERASMUS SERRANO, THE  
25 ADMINISTRATOR OF ST. THOMAS MORE IN ALHAMBRA. ON BEHALF OF THE



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1 COMMUNITY OF ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, WE ACCEPT THIS SCROLL  
2 WITH DEEP GRATITUDE AND WE ARE DEEPLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS.  
3 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE L.A.  
4 COUNTY, PARTICULARLY MIKE ANTONOVICH, FOR DOING THIS  
5 INITIATIVE, AND WE ARE MOST HAPPY TO RECEIVE THIS AND PRESENT  
6 THIS TO OUR COMMUNITY. IF THIS DISTINGUISHED BODY WOULD ALLOW  
7 US, WE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOU IN RESPONSE A SPECIAL BLESSING  
8 TO BE GIVEN BY OUR PASTOR EMERITUS, FATHER JEREMIAH O'NEAL.  
9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **FR. JEREMIAH O'NEAL:** ALMIGHTY GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT  
12 OF WISDOM FOR THE PAST 65 YEARS OF ST. THOMAS MORE. WE PLEAD  
13 FOR A SIMILAR TIME FOR THE NEXT 65 BECAUSE WE WILL NEED IT. WE  
14 ASK ALSO THAT YOU BLESS EVERYONE HERE WHO IS PART OF THE  
15 FAMILY OF GOD, ASK FOR YOUR HELP, STRENGTH AND WISDOM THROUGH  
16 THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT THAT IS WITHIN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF  
17 US. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO BRING YOU A GROUP OF TWO  
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE WHAT MANY PEOPLE ALWAYS DREAMED OF  
21 DOING BUT NEVER THOUGHT COULD EVER HAVE BEEN DONE OR WOULD BE  
22 DONE, AND YET THROUGH THEIR GREAT EDUCATIONAL FEAT AND WITH A  
23 GREAT TEAM BEHIND THEM, WE'RE NOW CELEBRATING THE FIRST YEAR  
24 ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARS EXPEDITION. TODAY WE WELCOME JIM  
25 ERICSON WHO WAS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR J.P.L.'S N.A.S.A.'S



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1 MARS EXPLORATION ROVERS, AND COLETTE LORD, J.P.L.'S SYSTEM  
2 ENGINEER OF THE CURIOSITY ROVER AND J.P.L., WHICH IS LOCATED  
3 IN LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CALIFORNIA. CURIOSITY, N.A.S.A.'S  
4 MOST SOPHISTICATED AND COMPLICATED MARS ROVER, TOUCHED DOWN ON  
5 THE RED PLANET ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 6, 2012. SEVEN WEEKS  
6 AFTER TOUCHING DOWN, MISSION SCIENTISTS ANNOUNCED CURIOSITY  
7 HAD FOUND AN ANCIENT STREAM BED WHERE WATER ONCE FLOWED. THE  
8 DISCOVERY SUGGESTED AT LEAST SOME PARTS OF MARS COULD HAVE  
9 BEEN-- LIFE COULD HAVE EXISTED. IN FEBRUARY, CURIOSITY USED  
10 ITS HAMMERING DRILL TO BORE 2.5-INCHES INTO A RED PLANET  
11 OUTCROP CALLED JOHN CLINE. NOW WHERE IS JOHN TODAY? STILL  
12 THERE. STILL DIGGING. MARKING THE FIRST TIME ANY ROVER HAD  
13 EVER DRILLED INTO A ROCK TO COLLECT SAMPLES FROM ANOTHER  
14 WORLD. IMAGINE THAT, FROM EARTH, YOU'RE TELLING A ROVER ON  
15 MARS HOW TO DIG AND THEN TO SEND BACK THAT INFORMATION. KEY  
16 CHEMICAL INGREDIENTS NEEDED FOR LIFE WERE FOUND IN THE GRAY  
17 POWDER CURIOSITY DRILLED OUT OF THE JOHN CLINE ROCK, INCLUDING  
18 SULFUR, NITROGEN, HYDROGEN, OXYGEN, PHOSPHORUS AND CARBON. THE  
19 FINE-GRAIN ROCK ALSO CONTAINED CLAY MINERALS, SUGGESTING  
20 PERHAPS A LAKE. WITH THIS EVIDENCE IN HAND, THE CURIOSITY TEAM  
21 IN EARLY MARCH, THE ROVER'S LANDING SITE COULD HAVE BEEN  
22 SUPPORTED SOME TYPE OF LIFE YEARS AGO. SO WE WANT TO  
23 CONGRATULATE THESE TWO SCIENTISTS FOR MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE  
24 AND THE TEAM THAT SUPPORTED THEM AND THE FINE SUPPORT OF THE  
25 MEMBERS OF J.P.L. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **JIM ERICSON:** ON BEHALF OF THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY AND  
3 THE MARS LABORATORY CURIOSITY MISSION WE THANK YOU FOR THE  
4 SUPPORT AND THE RECOGNITION. AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT UP FOR  
5 ANOTHER TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, HOWEVER MANY YEARS WE CAN.  
6 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **COLETTE LORD:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS COMMUNITY. WE DO  
9 THESE GREAT THINGS AS A COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD TO  
10 REPRESENT LOS ANGELES AT THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY. SO  
11 THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE  
14 LISTENING TO MAJOR IN SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING SO YOU CAN  
15 FOLLOW IN THESE FOOTSTEPS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY OTHER PLANETS  
16 OUT THERE TO HAVE EXPLORATIONS. BUT WE JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
17 LEADERSHIP AND BEING GOOD ROLE MODELS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.  
18 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SEPTEMBER IS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS  
19 MONTH IN OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND TO KICK OFF LIFE  
20 INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH, WE HAVE R. ARONIAN [PH?], WHO IS  
21 VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND  
22 FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF CALIFORNIA. MOST AMERICANS RECOGNIZE THE  
23 SIGNIFICANCE OF OWNING LIFE INSURANCE TO SAFEGUARD THE  
24 FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF THEIR LOVED ONES. DESPITE THE PEACE OF  
25 MIND THAT INSURANCE BRINGS TO MILLIONS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES,



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1 THERE ARE STILL MILLIONS WHO LACK ADEQUATE COVERAGE. A RECENT  
2 SURVEY FOUND THAT NEARLY HALF OF ALL AMERICANS ARE WORRIED  
3 ABOUT HOW THEIR FAMILIES WOULD MANAGE FINANCIALLY IF THEY WERE  
4 TO PASS ON TOMORROW. THE GOAL OF LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS  
5 MONTH IS TO GET CONSUMERS THINKING ABOUT THEIR NEED FOR LIFE  
6 INSURANCE PROTECTION, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEEK ADVICE FROM A  
7 QUALIFIED INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL, AND TO TAKE ACTION NECESSARY  
8 TO ACHIEVE A FINANCIALLY SECURE FUTURE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES.  
9 SO LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE  
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT'S ROCCO WHO'S COMING  
11 UP NEXT. HE HAS STAGE FRIGHT.

12

13 **KEITH CAPARAZZO:** YOU REACH AN AGE WHERE YOU NEED THE GLASSES.  
14 MY NAME IS KEITH CAPARAZZO. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THIS  
15 WONDERFUL HONOR, FROM THE ENTIRE AGENTS AND BROKERS WHO MAKE  
16 UP THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL  
17 ADVISORS, COMMONLY KNOWN IN THE INDUSTRY AS N.A.I.F.A. I AM  
18 THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER FOOTHILLS. WHAT IS THE MISSION TO  
19 BE SAID FOR LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS? IF I MAY RESTATE IT: YOU  
20 SHARE YOUR LOVE TO PROTECT AND PROVIDE FOR OTHERS THROUGH LIFE  
21 INSURANCE. YOU SUPPLEMENT AND REPLACE NEEDED INCOME FOR  
22 YOURSELF AND FAMILY THROUGH DISABILITY INSURANCE. YOU HELP  
23 MAINTAIN YOUR LIFESTYLE IN RETIREMENT THROUGH PENSION AND  
24 ANNUITIES. FOR GOOD OR BAD, LIFE HAPPENS. THE LIFE INDUSTRY  
25 HELPS MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR THE GOOD. FOR MORE INFORMATION



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1 REGARDING LIFE PRODUCTS, YOU CAN GO TO THE CONSUMER SITE,  
2 WHICH IS LIFEHAPPENS.COM-- I MEAN LIFEHAPPENS.ORG. THANK YOU  
3 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE ROCCO, WHO HAS BEEN CRYING  
6 IN THE CORNER. LITTLE ROCCO WAS LEFT ON THE ROADSIDE WITH SIX  
7 LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS BY IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE WHO DON'T  
8 HAVE THEIR ANIMALS NEUTERED OR SPAYED. AND WE WOULD ENCOURAGE  
9 PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE ANIMALS TO HAVE THEM FIXED BECAUSE IT'S  
10 IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT HAVE TO HAVE ABANDONED ANIMALS ON OUR  
11 ROADWAYS. BUT THIS LITTLE ROCCO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU  
12 COULD CALL AREA CODE 562-256-1364. AND HE'S A LITTLE BOY. AND  
13 HE'S FULL OF LOVE AND LOOKING FOR THAT FAMILY TO HELP GIVE HIM  
14 THE LOVE THAT HE WILL RETURN, RECIPROCATE WITH. SO THIS IS  
15 LITTLE ROCCO. WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE ROCCO? AND I  
16 SAID, HE'S GOT SIX LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE ALSO  
17 WAITING TO BE ADOPTED.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
20 WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA. WE DO HAVE QUITE  
21 A BIT TO ACCOMPLISH TODAY. AND SO, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
22 WE'LL HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO WE ARE GOING TO TAKE UP THE  
25 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4. ACTUALLY ITEMS 1



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1 THROUGH 5, ALTHOUGH 5 WILL BE CONTINUED. BUT IF I COULD FIRST  
2 SWEAR EVERYBODY IN. SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE  
3 THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR  
4 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
5 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
6 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?  
7 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'RE ON ITEM NO. 1. THIS IS THE  
8 HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION  
9 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697,  
10 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT 1 AND  
11 THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL BASE ASSESSMENT RATE OF \$35 FOR A  
12 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITHIN THE CARSON ZONE FOR FISCAL YEAR  
13 2014-15; THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO  
14 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND I BELIEVE THERE ARE EITHER ONE  
15 OR TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON IT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT THE  
18 DEPARTMENT PROCEED WITH ITS STATEMENT. I NOTE ONE NAME AND  
19 THAT'S ARNOLD SACHS. PLEASE COME FORWARD NOW.

20

21 **JAMES CHONG:** GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN AND THE MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES CHONG AND I AM THE HEAD  
23 OF STREET LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
24 I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO  
25 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING



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1 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, CARSON ZONE, AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION  
2 OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SUBDIVISIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD  
3 LETTER, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CARSON. THE CITY OF  
4 CARSON HAS GRANTED ITS CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY  
5 OPINION, THESE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE  
6 ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED  
7 ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE  
8 ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED  
9 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-EXEMPT TAXING  
10 AGENCIES.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO  
16 CLOSE THE PUBLIC-- OH, I'M SORRY, THERE WAS ARNOLD SACHS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS, YOUR TIME  
19 TO BE HEARD.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. THE  
22 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING  
23 DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT 1, I'D ASK FOR WHAT THE  
24 DEFINITION OF ACT 1 ACTUALLY IS.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** STAFF AND THE LIKE ON THE LEFT  
2 SIDE OF THE BUILDING, MY LEFT, WOULD YOU PLEASE ACCOMMODATE US  
3 BY LOWERING YOUR VOICES. THANK YOU. PROCEED.

4  
5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'D ASK WHAT THE PORTION THAT MENTIONS ACT 1 IS  
6 IN REFERENCE TO THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA. THE RATE OF \$35 FOR  
7 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES WITHIN THE CARSON ZONE? IT DOESN'T  
8 MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT MULTI-FAMILY AND BUSINESSES IN THIS  
9 ZONE. AND ALTHOUGH THE QUESTIONS MAY BE TRIVIAL TO YOU, I  
10 WOULD POINT OUT THAT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WHEN YOU HAD AN  
11 ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA REGARDING A WASTE 320.54 WATER-- YOU WERE  
12 GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT FRACKING. AND YOU AUTHORIZED THE  
13 GRANTING OF A FRANCHISEE, NOT A FRANCHISE. YOU'RE NOT  
14 EMPOWERED TO AUTHORIZE GRANTING OF FRANCHISEES UNLESS YOU  
15 ACTUALLY OWN THE FRANCHISES. LIKE MCDONALD'S GRANTS FRANCHISES  
16 TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BUY INTO MCDONALD'S AND THEN THOSE  
17 PEOPLE BECOME FRANCHISEE OWNERS. YOU GRANTED A FRANCHISE FOR A  
18 PIPELINE, NOT A FRANCHISE. YOU GRANTED A FRANCHISEE TO A  
19 COMPANY FOR A PIPELINE. HOW YOU CAN DO THAT. SO WHEN YOU GET  
20 TRIVIAL QUESTIONS LIKE THIS, WHEN YOU DO ACTS LIKE THAT,  
21 THAT'S WHY YOU GET TRIVIAL QUESTIONS LIKE THIS, TO ASK  
22 QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME  
2 HAS EXPIRED AND WE'LL PROCEED TO THE BALANCE OF THE MATTER. IT  
3 IS BEFORE US.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
6 BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE  
7 PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE  
8 ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND  
9 ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MOVE TO TABLE BY  
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE. WE'LL MOVE TO THE SECOND ITEM.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS A HEARING  
15 ON THE ANNEXATION OF 30 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER  
16 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE  
17 CHARGES WITHIN THE ANNEX PARCELED FOR THE OPERATION AND  
18 MAINTENANCE OF SEWER FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014,-2015.  
19 THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER. NO  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND I BELIEVE THERE'S A PUBLIC  
21 SPEAKER.

22

23 **NICHOLAS AGBOGBO:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
24 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOGBO, AND I AM A SENIOR  
25 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM



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2 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF AND LEVYING OF  
3 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE 30 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE  
4 BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
5 COMMUNITIES OF CARSON, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY, ROWLAND HEIGHTS,  
6 WEST COVINA AND WHITTIER AND IN THE CITIES OF BELLFLOWER,  
7 CARSON, DIAMOND BAR, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY, LA HABRA HEIGHTS, LA  
8 PUENTE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, SAN DIMAS  
9 AND WALNUT. THE INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED THEIR CONSENT AND  
10 JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, ALL 30 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED  
11 BY THE ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICE TO BE  
12 PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN  
13 FAIRLY IMPOSED.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ONE  
16 PERSON WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD. ARNOLD SACHS, PLEASE.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD  
19 SACHS. AGAIN, NO PROBLEM WITH THIS. THERE'S NO COST ASSOCIATED  
20 WITH THIS AS THERE WAS WITH THE FIRST ITEM WHERE YOU HAVE A  
21 RATE OF \$35 FOR THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. SO HOW IS THAT  
22 COST FOR THIS PER PARCEL FIGURED OUT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE  
23 THERE IN THESE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES? AND SINCE IT'S ALL THESE  
24 TERRITORIES THAT ARE LISTED, IS IT A SET FLAT RATE FOR EACH  
25 TERRITORY, EACH SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, EACH MULTIPLE



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1 DWELLING, EACH BUSINESS? I MEAN, HOW IS THE FEE ASSESSED PER  
2 PARTITION? PER USER? THERE'S NO INFORMATION IN HERE. MAYBE  
3 IT'S IN THE REPORT. IT'S JUST MORE SHUFFLING OF PAPERWORK  
4 HERE. AND, AGAIN, IT'S THE MINIMUM QUESTIONS THAT NOBODY EVER  
5 SEEMS TO ASK WHILE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STEAMROLLS  
6 RIGHT ALONG. AND IN ANOTHER INSTANCE, I'M CONCERNED JUST LIKE  
7 I WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR THE WORK YOU DID FOR THE DISNEY  
8 CORPORATION WHERE YOU CHANGED THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY FROM  
9 A FLOOD CONTROL AREA TO COMMERCIAL? I WONDER WHAT THAT WOULD  
10 HAVE DONE FOR THE VALUE OF THE LAND, THE TAX THE PARCEL  
11 PAYMENTS, THE ASSESSMENTS ON THE LAND AND THE PROPERTY. THOSE  
12 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT DOING THAT BUSINESS FOR FOUR  
13 YEARS. AND IT WASN'T UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO THAT IT WAS CHANGED  
14 FROM A FLOOD CONTROL AREA TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO ENABLE  
15 THEM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THEIR PLANS. SO FOUR YEARS OF A  
16 DIFFERENT ASSESSMENT. I WONDER JUST HOW MUCH MONEY WAS SAVED  
17 BY DISNEY CORPORATION ON THAT DETAIL.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CLOSES  
20 THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
21 PLEASE? MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, A DETERMINATION  
22 HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE  
23 PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
24 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES  
25 WITHIN THE ANNEXED 30 PARCELS FOR THE OPERATION AND



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1 MAINTENANCE OF SEWER FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15, AS A  
2 RESULT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE  
3 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNEXATION AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATIONS  
4 THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR  
5 ANNEXATION OF THE 30 PARCELS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE MATTER  
8 IS BEFORE US. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?  
9 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
10 SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT  
11 ITEM PLEASE.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT WILL BE NO. ITEM 3, THIS IS  
14 THE HEARING ON THE EXCLUSION OF PARCEL NO. W213-14 FROM THE  
15 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF  
16 PICO RIVERA. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO  
17 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE A PUBLIC  
18 SPEAKER.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE PUBLIC SPEAKER  
21 WISHES TO WAIVE, THEREFORE WE HAVE ONE PRESENTATION FROM THE  
22 DEPARTMENT AND WE WILL DISPOSE OF THE MATTER THEREAFTER. SIR?

23

24 **NICHOLAS AGBOGBO:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOGBO, AND I'M A  
25 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM



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2 W213-14 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.  
3 PARCEL W213-14 COMPRISES OF ALL THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA WHICH  
4 IS CURRENTLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT. THE EXCLUSION WAS REQUESTED  
5 BY THE CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREA SOUGHT TO BE EXCLUDED  
6 WILL NOT BE BENEFITED BY REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT AND THE  
7 AREA IN THE DISTRICT FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION WILL BENEFIT FROM  
8 CONTINUING TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE DISTRICT. UPON EXCLUSION  
9 OF THIS AREA FROM THE DISTRICT, ALL PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR THE  
10 DISTRICT SHALL REMAIN VESTED IN THE COUNTY AND BE USED FOR THE  
11 PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HEARD THE STAFF  
14 PRESENTATION. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE?

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU TO CLOSE  
17 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF  
22 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS  
25 THE HEARING ON EXCLUSION OF PARCEL NO. W214-14 FROM THE



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1 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF  
2 GARDENA. AGAIN, THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO  
3 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER, AND I BELIEVE  
4 THERE'S A PUBLIC SPEAKER.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NOTE THE REQUEST OF  
7 THE SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS. DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS  
8 ITEM? ITEM NO. 4, SIR?

9

10 **NICHOLAS AGBOGBO:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOGBO AND I'M A SENIOR  
11 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
12 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PARCEL  
13 W214-14 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.  
14 PARCEL W214-14 COMPRISES A PORTION OF THE CITY OF GARDENA  
15 KNOWN AS ROSECRANS ANNEXATION 88-1. THE EXCLUSION WAS  
16 REQUESTED BY THE CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE AREA SOUGHT TO BE  
17 EXCLUDED WILL NOT BE BENEFITED BY REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT  
18 AND THE AREA REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT FOLLOWING EXCLUSION  
19 WILL BENEFIT FROM CONTINUING TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE  
20 DISTRICT. UPON EXCLUSION OF THIS AREA FROM THE DISTRICT, ALL  
21 PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR THE DISTRICT SHALL REMAIN VESTED IN THE  
22 COUNTY AND BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR STAFF  
25 PRESENTATION. WE'LL TAKE THE SPEAKER NOW.



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1  
2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
3 THE REASON I WOULD SPEAK ON THIS IS AGAIN I BROUGHT IT UP  
4 PREVIOUSLY ABOUT YOUR-- WHEN YOU AWARDED YOUR PIPELINE  
5 FRANCHISEE, THIS IS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF WHERE YOU  
6 AWARDED THAT PIPELINE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO EXTRACT  
7 CHEMICALLY FOULED WATER, LIQUIDS FOR TREATMENT. AND THE ITEM  
8 ON YOUR AGENDA DIDN'T MENTION WHERE THE PLANT WAS THAT THIS  
9 TREATED WATER WAS GOING TO BE SENT TO-- THIS UNTREATED WATER  
10 WAS GOING TO KNOW SENT TO, ONLY THAT IT WAS OUTSIDE THE  
11 COUNTY, UNINCORPORATED AREA, TO BE TREATED AND THEN REUSED TO  
12 BE INJECTED INTO I BELIEVE BALDWIN HILLS AREA. I MAY BE WRONG,  
13 BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THAT'S WHAT THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA  
14 WAS. SO THE FACT THAT YOU'RE EXCLUDING THIS FROM THE SEWER  
15 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF GARDENA RAISES MY  
16 CONCERN. A, YOU ORDERED-- AWARDED A FRANCHISEE, WHEN MOST  
17 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WILL AWARD A FRANCHISE. AND IT'S REALLY  
18 IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE NUANCES IN THE LANGUAGE THAT'S  
19 USED BY THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY INVOLVED  
20 HERE. AND THOSE NUANCES ARE IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE THE COUNTY  
21 ATTORNEY MENTIONED-- THIS IS A ROUGH ONE-- THAT THE FRANCHISE  
22 CAN BE SUED IF THERE'S A PROBLEM. BUT YOU'RE NOT AWARDED A  
23 FRANCHISE. YOU'RE AWARDED A FRANCHISEE FOR THIS PIPELINE.  
24 AND, AGAIN, SINCE IT'S RIGHT NEAR THIS AREA, MY CONCERNS ARE  
25 WITH THIS UNNAMED, UNKNOWN SOURCE OF TREATMENT CENTER,



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1 UNIDENTIFIED TREATMENT CENTER AND THE FACT THAT IT'S EXCLUDED  
2 FROM THE SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. VERY IMPORTANT FACT. AND  
3 YOU SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THAT JUST SO YOU'D HAVE AN IDEA  
4 WHAT YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS DOING.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVING  
7 REVIEWED THE FILE AND VERIFIED THAT WHICH I REVIEWED, THIS HAS  
8 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH BALDWIN HILLS THAT WE CAN  
9 DETERMINE, SO THE SPECULATION TO THAT EFFECT IS ESSENTIALLY  
10 BASELESS, WE'LL LET THE RECORD REFLECT. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU TO  
12 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO CLOSING  
15 THE PUBLIC HEARING. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES AND SUPERVISOR  
16 ANTONOVICH SECONDS WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTING THE MATTER THAT'S  
17 BEFORE US, THAT IS ITEM NO. 4. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE ARE GOING TO GO BACK  
20 TO ITEM NO. 1. AND AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A  
21 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS  
22 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF THE ANNUAL  
23 ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES L-  
24 028-2012 ON MAP 620611 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
25 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 FOR THE CARSON



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1 ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO  
2 ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
3 ASSESSMENTS AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY  
4 TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION  
5 TERRITORIES.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HAVING PROCEEDED WITH THE  
8 APPROPRIATE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
9 MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. AND THAT WILL BE A  
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NO. 1.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THAT WILL COMPLETE  
13 THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TODAY. ITEM NO. 5, THERE'S ONE PUBLIC  
14 SPEAKER, BUT HE'S HOLDING A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS AND CAN TAKE  
15 THAT ITEM UP AT THAT TIME. BUT ITEM NO. 5 AGAIN WILL BE  
16 CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
19 WE ARE NOW AT THE SET ITEM, ITEM NO. S-1, WHICH IS A  
20 PRESENTATION ON L.A.C.M.A. AND PAGE MUSEUM. SO THOSE WHO ARE  
21 HERE TO PRESENT ON THAT ITEM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS IF YOU WOULD  
22 BE KIND ENOUGH TO COME FORWARD. THANK YOU, SIR. DELIGHTED TO  
23 SEE YOU. WELCOME.

24

25 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
3 IF YOU WOULD SIMPLY GIVE US YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK AND YOUR  
4 SERIAL NUMBER, WE CAN PROCEED FROM THERE.

5

6 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** I'M MICHAEL GOVEN C.E.O. AND WALLIS ANNENBERG  
7 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONCE AGAIN, WE WELCOME YOU.

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11 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **JIM GILSON:** I'M JIM GILSON. I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PAGE  
14 MUSEUM AT THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL  
15 COUNSEL OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FOUNDATION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SAME IS EXTENDED TO  
18 YOU. MA'AM?

19

20 **JANE PAISANO:** I'M JANE PAISANO, PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE  
21 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, AND WE EXTEND OUR  
24 GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE SIGNIFICANT WORK YOU DO ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE ARTS  
2 AND HISTORY AND WELL BEYOND. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. QUESTION, WHEN WILL  
5 THE M.O.U. WITH THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND THE PAGE MUSEUM  
6 BE MADE AVAILABLE?

7

8 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** WE HAVE CIRCULATED ALONG WITH SOME BRIEFING  
9 MATERIALS ON THE L.A.C.M.A. PROJECT AN M.O.U. THAT WAS  
10 CONSTRUCTED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE BETWEEN  
11 THE-- TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE  
12 ART MUSEUM AND THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. I CAN READ IT IF  
13 YOU'D LIKE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE IN ORDER,  
16 BUT PRIOR TO THE RANGE OF QUESTIONS THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
17 MAY HAVE, LET'S DETERMINE THE ORDER OF YOUR PRESENTATION.

18

19 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** SO I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A BRIEF PRESENTATION  
20 ABOUT THE MUSEUM AND OUR PLANS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

23



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1 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** AND THEN I THINK THE IDEA WAS TO PERHAPS  
2 AUGMENT THAT WITH COMMENTS FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND  
3 QUESTIONS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED.

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7 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** THANK YOU. FIRSTLY, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
8 SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH  
10 YOU ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR COLLEAGUES FROM THE  
11 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND THE PAGE MUSEUM ESPECIALLY DR. JANE  
12 PAISANO, PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM  
13 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED HER OWN EXTREMELY  
14 SUCCESSFUL RENOVATIONS OF THE MUSEUM AND GARDENS IN EXPOSITION  
15 PARK. AND I'D LIKE TO BEGIN JUST BY REAFFIRMING THAT  
16 EVERYTHING WE DO AT L.A.C.M.A. IS PLANNED AND MEASURED BY ITS  
17 BENEFIT TO THE ARTS AND EDUCATION AND EQUALLY TO LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE  
19 POTENTIAL IMPACT ON OUR CLOSE NEIGHBOR, THE PAGE MUSEUM LA  
20 BREA TAR PITS OF OUR PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW  
21 MUSEUM TO REPLACE SOME OF L.A.C.M.A.'S AGING AND AILING 1960S  
22 AND '80S BUILDINGS. IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I'D JUST LIKE TO PUT  
23 THE PROPOSAL IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR EXPANDING COLLECTIONS AND  
24 AUDIENCE AND THE URGENT NEED TO DEAL WITH THESE FACILITIES  
25 THAT ARE INDEED AGING AND AILING AND ON COUNTY PROPERTY. I'D



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1 ALSO LIKE TO STRESS THAT AS OF PRESENT, WE ARE AT THE EARLIEST  
2 STAGES OF DESIGN. THE DESIGN THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC  
3 WAS PART OF THE GETTY'S SPECIFIC STANDARD TIME PRESENTS L.A.  
4 MODERN ARCHITECTURE, AND IT WAS A VERY PRELIMINARY VISION OF  
5 WHAT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE TO TRANSFORM THE LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY ART MUSEUM INTO A WORLD CLASS INSTITUTION IN ITS  
7 COLLECTIONS, PROGRAMMING ARCHITECTURE, AND ITS DESIGN HAS MANY  
8 YEARS AHEAD. IN FACT, IT'S NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REVIEWED BY  
9 THE COUNTY OR EVEN BY OUR OWN TECHNICAL STAFF AND CURATORS.  
10 AND I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE INTENTION OF THE DESIGN IS NOT  
11 ONLY TO SERVE THE MUSEUM'S ART COLLECTIONS AND VISITORS BUT  
12 ALSO TO IMPROVE HANCOCK PARK AND TO CREATE BETTER ACCESS TO  
13 THE PAGE MUSEUM AND THE LA BREA TAR PITS. WE CAN GUARANTEE  
14 THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LA BREA TAR  
15 PITS AS WE DEVELOP THE PLAN. WE'VE ALREADY MET WITH OUR  
16 COLLEAGUES AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND PAGE MUSEUM AND  
17 HAVE PLEDGED TO WORK TOGETHER TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS IT  
18 DEVELOPS AS STATED IN THE M.O.U. THAT'S PART OF THE PACKAGE  
19 THAT'S BEEN DISTRIBUTED. AND IF YOU'D ALLOW ME, I WOULD JUST  
20 READ THAT FOR YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED.

23

24 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2013, L.A.C.M.A. AND THE  
25 PAGE MUSEUM, NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING



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1 TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS AND ADDRESS THE IMPACT THE  
2 PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD HAVE ON THE LA BREA TAR PITS. WE  
3 JOINTLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE  
4 L.A.C.M.A. CAMPUS AS AN ART AND CULTURAL RESOURCE AND THE NEED  
5 FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE LA BREA TAR PITS AS  
6 AN ACTIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SITE. TO THAT END, AS NOTED IN  
7 BILL FUJIOKA'S MEMO TO YOUR BOARD, L.A.C.M.A. AND THE PAGE  
8 MUSEUM, N.H.M. WILL COLLABORATE IN GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING OF  
9 THE IMPACTS ON THE TAR PITS OF THE ZOOM TOUR DESIGN AS IT  
10 EVOLVES SO THAT A PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE DEVELOPED THAT  
11 ADDRESSES ANY SUCH IMPACTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE  
12 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. OUR WORK TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE  
13 DESIGN PROCESS WILL BE GUIDED BY AN M.O.U. THAT WE WILL  
14 JOINTLY DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** AND IF YOU WOULD ALLOW ME, I DID DISTRIBUTE  
19 SOME BRIEFING MATERIALS. AND IF YOU'D ALLOW, I WILL PUT THE  
20 PROJECT INTO CONTEXT SO IT IS UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE INTENDED  
21 BENEFITS OF THE PLAN WOULD BE ALSO TO THE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** EXCELLENT.

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1 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** YOU HAVE PACKAGES BEFORE YOU THAT ARE A SUMMARY  
2 OF L.A.C.M.A.'S TRANSFORMATION PLAN AND THE CURRENT PLAN IN  
3 FRONT OF US. I WOULD NOTE THAT THIS IS A LONG-TERM PLAN AS IT  
4 MUST BE FOR A PROJECT OF THIS SCALE AND THAT WE'VE HAD GREAT  
5 SUCCESS TO DATE. WE'VE RAISED OVER \$650 MILLION FROM PRIVATE  
6 DONORS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS TO PUT INTO THIS LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY AMENITY. WE'VE ADDED 18,000 SIGNIFICANT ART WORKS.  
8 WE'VE DOUBLED THE EXHIBITION GALLERY SPACE AND SIGNIFICANTLY  
9 ALSO DOUBLED ATTENDANCE TO 1.2 MILLION VISITORS A YEAR OVER  
10 THE LAST FIVE YEARS. AND SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO HANCOCK  
11 PARK, THE EIGHT ACRES THAT WERE PURCHASED BY MUSEUM ASSOCIATES  
12 AND ANNEXED TO THE PARK HAVE EXTENDED THE OPEN SPACE  
13 SIGNIFICANTLY. AND MOST RECENTLY YOU KNOW THAT WE'VE  
14 COLLABORATED WITH THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND  
15 SCIENCES TO CREATE LOS ANGELES'S FIRST AND PROBABLY WORLD'S  
16 MOST IMPORTANT MOVIE MUSEUM IN THE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC  
17 MAY COMPANY BUILDING. AND I THINK AS THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL"  
18 SAID, "FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO STAY CULTURALLY ABREAST IN L.A.,  
19 IT IS SUDDENLY VERY NECESSARY TO VISIT L.A.C.M.A." THIS IS A  
20 BIG OPPORTUNITY CIVICALLY AND CULTURALLY FOR LOS ANGELES. OUR  
21 EAST CAMPUS THAT IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY IS IN CRITICAL NEED OF  
22 REPAIR. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT IN 2001 THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO  
23 RAISE PUBLIC FUNDS TO REPAIR OR TO REPLACE THE BUILDINGS THEN,  
24 LARGELY TO CREATE EARTHQUAKE-SAFE BUILDINGS AND SAFE BUILDINGS  
25 FOR THE ART WORKS. AND SO L.A.C.M.A. COMMISSIONED PETER ZIMTOR



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1 TO STUDY THE MUSEUM AND WHAT COULD BE DONE TO LEAD AND  
2 INNOVATE AT THE MUSEUM. AND I DO BELIEVE, AS WILLIAM  
3 POUNDSTONE WROTE, "PETER ZIMTOR'S PROPOSAL PROMISES TO BE THE  
4 GREATEST PUBLIC BUILDING IN L.A. SINCE DISNEY HALL" WHICH IS  
5 CELEBRATING ITS GREAT TENTH ANNIVERSARY, I MIGHT NOTE AND IT  
6 IS A MULTICULTURAL VISION OF AN ENCYCLOPEDIA MUSEUM. THE TIME  
7 TO DO THIS IS COMING UPON US BECAUSE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AT  
8 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD. THE NEW ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICTURES  
9 WILL OPEN IN 2017. AND THE METRO WEST SIDE SUBWAY EXTENSION IS  
10 SCHEDULED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN '14 AND OPEN AT FAIRFAX BY  
11 2023. THEY'RE STAGING THAT PARTIALLY ON OUR PROPERTY. AND  
12 THESE CREATE AN IDEAL WINDOW TO DEAL WITH THE AGING BUILDINGS,  
13 THAT IS BETWEEN 2017 AND '23, AFTER THE ACADEMY MUSEUM OPENS  
14 AND BEFORE THE SUBWAY COMES, BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT WANT TO BE  
15 CLOSED AFTER THE SUBWAY IS OPEN AND WHEN THE ACADEMY MUSEUM IS  
16 WHEN WE'LL AGAIN HAVE OPENED UP MORE MUSEUM SPACE IN HANCOCK  
17 PARK. SO WE FEEL THAT IS THE URGENT NEED TO FOCUS. WE'VE  
18 STUDIED THIS FOR A LONG TIME AND RECENTLY WE COMMISSIONED  
19 DAVIS LANGDON AT A.E.C.O.M. TO STUDY THE EAST CAMPUS  
20 BUILDINGS. AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THE ESTIMATED COST TO  
21 BRING THE EAST CAMPUS TO CODE, NOT INCLUDING ANY COSMETICS,  
22 NEW PAINTS, LIGHTS OR THINGS WE MIGHT WANT TO DO TO IMPROVE  
23 IT, IS AROUND \$317 MILLION. SO THAT'S WHAT DRIVES US TO THINK  
24 ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THE FUTURE. AND THOSE INCLUDE  
25 LIFE SAFETY CODE UPGRADES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ABATEMENT,



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1 M.E.P., BUILDING ENVELOPE, WATERPROOFING, ELEVATORS, ET  
2 CETERA. AGAIN, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT WOULD IMPROVE  
3 THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO THE BUILDINGS. SO THAT'S WHY THE BOARD  
4 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART REALLY DOES NEED TO FOCUS  
5 ON RAISING MONEY AND DESIGNING SOMETHING FOR THE FUTURE. IT  
6 DOES NOT SEEM THAT THE NEW BUILDINGS OR THE EXISTING BUILDINGS  
7 HAVE SERVED THE NEED OF THE COLLECTIONS OR THE PUBLIC. THEY  
8 ARE CONFUSING TO MOVE AROUND. AND THEY HAVE NOT SEEN NEAR THE  
9 ATTENDANCE OF THE NEW BUILDINGS. ALSO WE'VE LEARNED SO MUCH IN  
10 THE LAST 30 YEARS ABOUT HOW THE PUBLIC VISITS MUSEUMS. THIS  
11 WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY AT ROUGHLY THE SAME COST TO  
12 CREATE SOMETHING STATE-OF-THE-ART AND WORLD CLASS. WE ESTIMATE  
13 THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS, BASED ON OUR RECENT CONSTRUCTION,  
14 MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION, THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS WOULD BE 400 TO  
15 \$450 MILLION, WHICH IS PERHAPS MORE THAN RENOVATION. BUT ONE  
16 IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE NEW BUILDINGS IS THAT THEY WOULD BE  
17 EXTREMELY ENERGY EFFICIENT. IN FACT, THE PLAN FOR SOLAR PANELS  
18 WOULD MAKE THE BUILDINGS-- IT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THOSE  
19 BUILDINGS TO GIVE BACK MORE ENERGY TO THE CITY AND TO LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY THAN INDEED IT USES. SO THOSE COST SAVINGS  
21 ALONE, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL VISITORS THAT WOULD BE DRAWN TO A  
22 NEW BUILDING AND ACCOMMODATED WOULD OFFSET THE DIFFERENCE OR  
23 THE DELTA BETWEEN RENOVATION COSTS AND NEW COSTS AND A NEW  
24 BUILDING. THERE WOULD OF COURSE BE ALL KINDS OF CUTTING EDGE  
25 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES, AS WELL AS ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN



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1 THAT BUILDING. WE ACTUALLY FIGURE THAT THERE'S PROBABLY A \$6  
2 MILLION OPERATIONAL DELTA IN NEW BUILDINGS VERSUS EXISTING,  
3 WHICH IF YOU DO THE CAPITALIZATION, THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF  
4 OVER \$100 MILLION ENDOWMENT, AND WHICH SORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR  
5 THE DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN RENOVATION AND NEW BUILDING.  
6 THE APPROACH TO THE BUILDING-- AND THIS SORT OF BRINGS US TO  
7 THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY PAGE MUSEUM AND TAR  
8 PITS-- WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HANCOCK PARK HAS CHANGED. EIGHT  
9 ACRES HAS BEEN ADDED THROUGH L.A.C.M.A.'S ACQUISITION OF THE  
10 MAY COMPANY PROPERTY. THE ACADEMY MUSEUM WILL DRAW MANY, MANY  
11 TOURISTS AND THE METRO STATION AND L.A.C.M.A.'S DOUBLED  
12 VISITORSHIP HAS CREATED A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THE WEST SIDE OF  
13 THE CAMPUS WHICH IS DRAWING A LOT OF VISITORS. ONE OF THE  
14 THINGS I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDINGS IS THAT THEY  
15 BLOCK ACCESS THROUGH THE PARK AND THE ABILITY FOR THE PUBLIC  
16 TO MOVE THROUGH THE PARK. SO YOU SEE, THERE'S A DRAWING THAT  
17 JUST SHOWS THE FLOW OF PEOPLE AND TO SAY THE INTENTION OF THE  
18 DESIGN WAS ACTUALLY TO SHOW QUITE A BIT OF LOVE TOWARDS THE  
19 PAGE MUSEUM AND THE LA BREA TAR PITS TO BRING PEOPLE TO THEM  
20 MORE EASILY AND MAKE THEM MORE ACCESSIBLE. THE PLAN WAS  
21 DESIGNED TO CREATE MORE SKY. IT'S QUITE LOW. AND IT WAS  
22 CREATED TO LIFT THE MAIN GALLERIES OFF THE GROUND SO THAT  
23 ACTUALLY 1.2 ACRES IS ADDED ADDITIONALLY TO THE GROUND SPACE  
24 OF HANCOCK PARK. SO THAT IS ALSO PART OF ITS EFFICIENCY. YOU  
25 SEE A DRAWING THAT DOES SHOW THAT THE CURRENT SKETCH, IN FACT,



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1 DOES COME UPON THE VARIOUS PITS, THE LAKE PIT AND OVER ANOTHER  
2 SMALL GROUP OF PITS. AGAIN, THIS IS VERY PRELIMINARY DESIGN.  
3 THE INTENTION IS IN NO WAY TO IMPINGE ON THE TAR PITS. IN  
4 FACT, THE DESIGNS OVERHANG OVER THE LAKE IS ALREADY PLANNED TO  
5 BE MOVED BACK TO THE WEST. IT WILL INDEED PROVIDE A VERY GOOD  
6 VIEW FOR THE PUBLIC OF THE LA BREA TAR PITS FROM ITS HEIGHT.  
7 AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE STUDYING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE PAGE  
8 MUSEUM, IS HOW MIGHT THIS IMPACT THE EXISTING SITE? I WILL  
9 MENTION THAT THE CURVING DESIGN WAS, IN FACT, INTENDED TO BE  
10 FLEXIBLE TO AVOID OBSTACLES AND INCLUDING THE TAR PITS, THE  
11 OBSERVATION PIT. AND SO THAT'S WHY WE KNOW OVER THE NEXT YEARS  
12 AS WE DEVELOP THE DESIGN, WE CAN WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO HAVE  
13 IT WORK TO BEST EFFECT, TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE LIKE, WHICH IS  
14 BETTER PUBLIC ACCESS FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST. AND QUITE AN  
15 INNOVATIVE DESIGN. THE IDEA IS YOU'LL LITERALLY BE ABLE TO  
16 WALK THROUGH THE PARK 24/7-- NOT 24/7 BECAUSE IT'S CLOSED AT  
17 NIGHT BUT EVEN WHEN THE MUSEUM IS NOT FULLY OPEN IN THE  
18 MORNING, WALKING YOUR DOGS THROUGH THE PARK, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO  
19 LOOK AT ART THROUGH GLASS. IT'S A VERY INNOVATIVE PLAN THAT  
20 PROVIDES A MUSEUM THAT WILL BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  
21 THAN I THINK ANY THAT'S BEEN DESIGNED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TO  
22 DATE. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES OF A MUSEUM  
23 IN A PARK. AND THAT WAS REALLY THE IMPETUS TO THE DESIGN. AND  
24 I THINK THAT IDEA THAT WE COULD INNOVATE, WE COULD CREATE  
25 ECONOMIC IMPACT AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL PUBLIC INNOVATION IN



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1 OUR MUSEUM IS A SUPER EXCITING OPPORTUNITY. AND I THINK THAT  
2 BEING IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PARK THAT WE'VE ADDED TO AND EXISTS  
3 FOR A LONG TIME, WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING THAT EXISTS NOWHERE  
4 ELSE IN THE WORLD, SOMETHING HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT  
5 EVERYONE WILL WANT TO VISIT, NOT ONLY FROM THE COUNTY BUT FROM  
6 FAR AWAY. SO THAT'S THE PLAN. AND THERE MAY BE DISCUSSIONS,  
7 BUT WE'VE ALREADY MET WITH OUR COLLEAGUES, AS I HAVE SAID. AND  
8 WE CERTAINLY PLEDGE THAT WELL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THERE  
9 IS NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE TAR PITS, ONLY THE BENEFICIAL  
10 IMPACT OF PUBLIC ACCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13 PRESENTATION. DR. PAISANO, ANY REMARKS THAT YOU WISH TO MAKE  
14 AT THIS POINT?

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16 **DR. JANE PAISANO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE HAVE  
17 MET RECENTLY WITH MICHAEL GOVEN AND MEMBERS OF HIS SENIOR  
18 STAFF, AND ALSO BOTH TEAMS HAVE MET WITH MR. FUJIOKA. AND WHAT  
19 WE'VE TRIED TO DO AS WE BEGIN IS TO EXPLORE HOW L.A.C.M.A. CAN  
20 ACHIEVE ITS WONDERFUL DREAMS FOR ITS NEW BUILDING AND THE TAR  
21 PITS CAN BE PROTECTED AT THE SAME TIME. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
22 PLAN IS STILL VERY PRELIMINARY AND FLUID. AND IF THERE IS A  
23 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE TAR PITS, THE DESIGN CAN AND WILL BE  
24 ADJUSTED TO PROTECT THEM. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MICHAEL HAS  
25 SAID MANY TIMES. AND WE TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD. SO LET ME TELL



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1 YOU THAT PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE PLANS FOR THE BUILDING  
2 INDICATE THAT IT WOULD SEVERELY IMPACT 6 OF THE 9 TAR PITS IN  
3 THE PARK AND THE CANTILEVER OVERHANG WOULD OVERHANG PARTS OF  
4 THE ICONIC LAKE PIT. SO, EARLY DAYS, WE KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF  
5 WORK TO DO, BUT WE ARE ASSURED THAT IT IS EARLY DAYS. WHY DOES  
6 IT MATTER? THE TAR PITS AND THE ADJOINING PAGE MUSEUM ARE  
7 ACTIVE RESEARCH AND INTERPRETIVE AREAS IN ADDITION TO BEING A  
8 WORLD-RENOWNED DESTINATION. ICE AGE FOSSILS AND THE MICROFAUNA  
9 TRAPPED IN THE TAR BELOW THE SURFACE PROVIDE INVALUABLE  
10 INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO AS WELL AS  
11 POSSIBLE CLUES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND HABITAT IN THE FUTURE.  
12 WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM L.A.C.M.A. A SITE-SURVEY MAP IN THE LAST  
13 COUPLE OF WEEKS WITH THE OVERLAY OF THE PROJECT ON THE TAR  
14 PITS. SO IT WILL NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS  
15 OF THE IMPACT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
16 EARLY IN THE PROCESS BEFORE THE ARCHITECTS GET TOO FAR DOWN  
17 THE ROAD. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT  
18 PRESERVES THE TAR PITS AND GIVES L.A.C.M.A. WHAT IT REALLY  
19 HOPES AND DREAMS FOR. FINALLY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND  
20 BY EXTENSION THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, ARE THE STEWARDS OF  
21 THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND THE PAGE MUSEUM AS WELL AS  
22 L.A.C.M.A.. AND SO IT'S OUR JOB TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THIS  
23 IRREPLACEABLE AND NONRENEWABLE SCIENTIFIC RESOURCE AND SITE  
24 MUSEUM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF SCIENTISTS AND VISITORS



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1 ALIKE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MICHAEL, WITH BILL  
2 FUJIOKA TO REALLY ACCOMPLISH ALL OF OUR GOALS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
5 MR. FUJIOKA, ANY COMMENTS? CERTAINLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED AT  
7 THIS POINT? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MY COMMENTS WILL BE REAL BRIEF, SIR. WE DID  
10 HAVE THAT MEETING. WE IMPRESSED UPON ALL PARTIES THE  
11 IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE COMMON GOAL. I  
12 PERSONALLY THINK THE L.A.C.M.A. PROJECT IS VERY, VERY  
13 EXCITING, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE SUPPORT WE'LL GET FROM THE ARTS  
14 COMMUNITY. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT  
15 IS PRESERVING THE TAR PITS IN VERY FRANK TERMS. SO WE WILL BE  
16 WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH.  
19 FOLLOWED BY MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS L.A.C.M.A. AND THE PAGE MUSEUM AGREED TO  
22 ANY STUDIES OF CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS TO THE TAR FIELD?

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1 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** YES, INDEED THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE -- YOU  
2 MEAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION ITSELF VERSUS THE FINAL DESIGN, IS  
3 THAT THE QUESTION?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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7 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** YES, WE WOULD MAKE THAT PART OF THE FEASIBILITY  
8 STUDY, THAT L.A.C.M.A. WOULD BEGIN TO CONDUCT NOW IF THE  
9 PROJECT IS GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT FOR DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU MAY  
10 KNOW, WE WORKED TOGETHER ON L.A.C.M.A.'S PROPERTY WHEN WE  
11 BUILT OUR PARKING LOT AND UNEARTHED SOME QUITE SIGNIFICANT  
12 FOSSILS AND HAD A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE  
13 DIGGING AND HOW THAT WOULD WORK. SO WE ASSUME THAT IF THERE  
14 WERE ANY IMPACT OF THAT NATURE, WE WOULD CERTAINLY WORK  
15 TOGETHER. THE PLAN IS NOT TO JUST SAY-- NOT TO BE REALLY  
16 DIGGING MUCH OR EXCAVATING IN THOSE AREAS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO YOU HAVE A TIMELINE FOR 2014?

19

20 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** THE IDEA IS THAT IF THE BOARD OF L.A.C.M.A.  
21 GREEN LIGHTS THE DEVELOPMENT, THAT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS WE  
22 WOULD CONDUCT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, WHICH WOULD GIVE US COSTS  
23 FOR THE BUILDING AS WELL AS BE THE RESULTS OF WORKING WITH THE  
24 PAGE MUSEUM AND NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TO RESOLVE THESE  
25 QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR OUTREACH TO THE LOCAL  
3 COMMUNITY, THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, RELATIVE TO THE PLAN AND  
4 THE BUILDING?

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6 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** WELL, WE WERE QUITE INNOVATIVE I THINK IN THIS  
7 SENSE THAT RATHER THAN APPROVE A PLAN QUIETLY BEHIND THE  
8 SCENES, WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE PLAN TO THE  
9 ENTIRE PUBLIC IN A THREE-MONTH LONG EXHIBITION AT THE CAMPUS,  
10 WHICH HAD MANY FREE HOURS. AND WE ALSO MET WITH LOCAL  
11 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SO I DON'T THINK THERE'S EVER BEEN A MUSEUM  
12 PLAN AT THIS PRELIMINARY STAGE THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED SO  
13 BOLDLY TO THE WHOLE PUBLIC.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO THE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY?

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17 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** INDEED, WE HAVE HAD BY INVITATION AS WELL AS  
18 THE OPEN EXHIBITION INVITATIONS TO ALL OF OUR COMMERCIAL  
19 NEIGHBORS, THE LARGE DEVELOPERS AROUND THE AREA, AS WELL, TO  
20 UNDERSTAND WITH THEM THEIR COMMENTS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND OUTREACH TO THE RADIUS BEYOND THE 10  
23 MILES?

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1 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** WELL, THAT, IN PART, WAS PART OF THE IDEA OF  
2 THE EXHIBITION, WHERE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF-- I MEAN OVER  
3 100,000 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SEE THAT. AND WE WORKED WITH MEDIA  
4 PUBLICATIONS TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNEW THIS WAS HAPPENING.  
5 WE ALSO INTEND THROUGH THE PROCESS, THROUGH THE FEASIBILITY  
6 PROCESS, TO BE PUBLISHING THOSE RESULTS SO THAT THEY ARE  
7 ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. THIS IS GOING TO BE AND HAS BEEN AN  
8 EXTREMELY PUBLIC PROCESS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ALL WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

11

12 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** INDEED.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BOTH THE TIMELINES AND THE PROGRESS AND  
15 EXPECTATIONS?

16

17 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** YES. IN FACT YOU CAN SEE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE  
18 MODELS TODAY. WE ARE PUBLISHING I THINK EVEN ON YOUTUBE, VIDEO  
19 INTERVIEWS WITH THE ARCHITECTS. I THINK THE THRILL OF THIS AND  
20 THE IDEA OF THE EXHIBITION WAS TO HAVE THIS IN PUBLIC. IT'S A  
21 PUBLIC RESOURCE. IT BELONGS TO ALL OF US. AND WE ALL NEED TO  
22 CARE FOR IT AND THINK ABOUT IT.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY AND  
25 THE PAGE MUSEUM.



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2 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** INDEED, AS I SAID, PART OF THE IDEA WAS TO  
3 CREATE BETTER ACCESS GIVEN ALL THE PRESSURE ON THE SOUTH SIDE  
4 OF CAMPUS. I THINK WE CAN DO BOTH. I THINK WE CAN PROTECT THE  
5 LA BREA TAR PITS, PAGE MUSEUM AND CREATE BETTER ACCESS TO  
6 THEM.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
9 YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I JUST WANT TO  
12 FIRST OF ALL THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR GETTING TOGETHER AND FOR  
13 MR. FUJIOKA'S CONVENING THAT CONVERSATION. WE HAVE TWO  
14 OUTSTANDING MUSEUMS REPRESENTED AT THE CENTER TABLE. NATURAL  
15 HISTORY MUSEUM WHICH HAS REALIZED ITS DREAM UNDER THE  
16 LEADERSHIP OF JANE PAISANO, WHO'S DONE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB  
17 IN TAKING THAT MUSEUM TO WHERE IT IS TODAY. THAT MUSEUM HAS  
18 THE FULL ENDORSEMENT OF MY ALMOST THREE-YEAR-OLD  
19 GRANDDAUGHTER. SO IT MUST BE GOOD.

20

21 **DR. JANE PAISANO:** REAL SUCCESS THEN.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MUST BE GOOD. AND MICHAEL HAS DONE JUST AN  
24 OUTSTANDING JOB SINCE HE CAME TO LOS ANGELES AT L.A.C.M.A. AND  
25 THE VISION YOU HAVE IS BOLD, AMBITIOUS AND I HAVE EVERY



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1 CONFIDENCE THAT IT'S GOING TO SUCCEED. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY  
2 EVERY REASON TO RETHINK THE L.A.C.M.A. CAMPUS, WHICH ALREADY  
3 HAS EXPERIENCED SOME RETHINKING, AND THE EXECUTION OF THAT  
4 RETHINKING IN THE TWO NEW PAVILIONS THAT ARE ON THE CAMPUS.  
5 BUT THE BIG ELEPHANT ON THE CAMPUS HAS BEEN THE OLD BUILDINGS,  
6 WHICH YOU ARTICULATED QUITE WELL, NEED TO BE RE-VISITED. AND I  
7 ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE INCREDIBLE PUBLIC OUTREACH THAT  
8 YOU'VE UNDERTAKEN. THIS IS A CONTROVERSIAL PLAN  
9 ARCHITECTURALLY. ANY DECENT ARCHITECTURAL PLAN IS GOING TO BE  
10 CONTROVERSIAL. IF THERE'S NO CONTROVERSY, IT PROBABLY ISN'T  
11 WORTH THE PAPER IT'S WRITTEN ON. THAT CERTAINLY WAS THE CASE  
12 WITH DISNEY CONCERT HALL AND WITH SOME OF THE INNOVATIVE  
13 PROJECTS THAT WE'VE HAD IN THIS COUNTY. IS THE MODEL STILL UP,  
14 OR IS IT ALREADY DONE? OKAY, SO THE THREE MONTHS ARE UP.

15

16 **MICHAEL GOVEN:** THERE WILL BE A NEW ONE SOON.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL SAY THAT THIS DESIGN HAS GROWN ON ME.  
19 I WAS NOT OVERLY THRILLED ABOUT IT WHEN I SAW THE ORIGINAL  
20 PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESIGNS, BUT WHEN YOU SAW THE MODEL, AND YOU  
21 SAW WHAT THIS COULD MEAN FOR BOTH THE MUSEUM ITSELF AND FOR  
22 THE PARK, IT'S REALLY A STROKE OF GENIUS. AND I KNOW THERE ARE  
23 PEOPLE-- I THINK IT'S BEEN GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED, BUT THERE  
24 ARE CRITICS OF THE DESIGN. I THINK THIS IS A VERY EXCITING  
25 DESIGN. AND I HOPE YOUR BOARD WILL MAKE THE DECISION TO GO



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1 FORWARD WITH IT. THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THIS  
2 COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND THE  
3 COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART IS A NO BRAINER. BEING ABLE TO DO BOTH  
4 PROJECTS OR BEING ABLE TO BUILD YOUR PROJECT WITHOUT DOING ANY  
5 DAMAGE TO THE TAR PITS AND THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CONTINUES  
6 TO BE DONE THERE IS A NO BRAINER. THERE IS ROOM ENOUGH ON THAT  
7 CAMPUS FOR BOTH THE TAR PITS AND FOR THE MUSEUM. AND THAT'S  
8 THE WAY IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE. AND I THINK BOTH OF YOU IN  
9 MY CONVERSATIONS WITH EACH OF YOU RECOGNIZE THAT AS LONG AS WE  
10 FOLLOW THAT TEMPLATE, WE'LL BE FINE. AND THAT MEAN IF IT NEEDS  
11 TO BE RE-- IF THE DRAWINGS NEED TO BE REDESIGNED WHEN YOU GET  
12 TO THE MORE SOPHISTICATED PLANNING, THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING  
13 TO HAVE TO BE, BECAUSE THERE'S NO NEED TO IMPINGE ON THE TAR  
14 PITS. AND EVEN IF IT WAS, IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN. SO THE TAR PITS  
15 WILL BE PROTECTED. YOUR VISION WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED IN ANY  
16 WAY. AND WE JUST NEED TO HAVE BOTH OF YOU WORKING  
17 COLLABORATIVELY WHICH I HAD NO DOUBT WOULD HAPPEN BECAUSE  
18 YOU'RE TWO VERY OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FAMILY AND  
19 OF THE BROADER REGIONAL FAMILY. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
20 PRESENTATION. WE LOOK FORWARD AS YOU GET MORE SPECIFIC TO HEAR  
21 HOW THE PROGRESS IS COMING. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24 YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THE DISCUSSION  
25 MONTHS AGO THAT BROUGHT THIS FORWARD SO THAT THE FULL BOARD



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1 CAN BE BRIEFED BY THE LEADERS OF THESE RESPECTIVE RATHER  
2 EXCEPTIONAL VENUES THAT ADD VALUE OF CONSEQUENCE TO THE ARTS  
3 AGENDA, TO THE CULTURAL AGENDA, TO THE EDUCATIONAL AGENDA OF  
4 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. HAVING RECENTLY,  
5 SUBSEQUENT TO THAT PRESENTATION, THAT WE ENTERTAINED  
6 APPROXIMATELY A MONTH AGO VISITED L.A.C.M.A. TO SEE FOR MYSELF  
7 SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED AND MADE IT ABUNDANTLY  
8 CLEAR THAT A NEED FOR INNOVATION, A NEED FOR GROWTH, A NEED  
9 FOR RIGHT SIZING AND RIGHT FITTING THIS EXTRAORDINARILY VENUE  
10 FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WAS NOT A MATTER OF DEBATE. IT WAS A  
11 MATTER OF HOW IT COULD BE DONE. AND I SUSPECT THAT IT WILL BE  
12 ULTIMATELY DONE QUITE ELEGANTLY. SHORT OF THAT, I THINK PUBLIC  
13 WITNESS TO THAT EFFECT WILL NO MORE THAN MAKE THAT KIND OF  
14 THING THAT WE HOPE TO SEE. HAVING THE EXPERIENCE OF  
15 REPRESENTING THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM ALL OF MY TENURE IN  
16 PUBLIC LIFE, 20 PLUS YEARS, I KNOW WHAT THE EVOLUTION HAS  
17 BEEN, AND IT'S BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF EXTRAORDINARY. AND IT  
18 CONTINUES TO MAKE ITS MARK ON THE REGION. THESE ARE NOT SIMPLY  
19 COMMUNITY VENUES, THEY ARE NOT SIMPLY COUNTY VENUES. THEY ARE  
20 REGIONAL VENUES THAT COMPETE NATIONALLY AND IN SOME INSTANCES  
21 INTERNATIONALLY. SO WE VALUE THEM. AND WE DO OUR PART TO MAKE  
22 SURE THAT THEY MAKE THEIR MARK. SO I SIMPLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE  
23 CONTINUED PUBLIC DIALOGUE. IT WAS INTERESTING THAT THE  
24 PROPOSED WORK WAS ON DISPLAY AT L.A.C.M.A., SO THE FULL PUBLIC  
25 COULD SEE IT AND HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. SO



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1 TRANSPARENCY IN PART DEFINES WHAT WE ARE DOING BECAUSE THEREIN  
2 ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO SEE, BUT NOT ONLY TO SEE BUT TO BE  
3 EDUCATED. MAY I INCLUDE IN THAT PROCESS PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THEY  
4 GET TO SEE AND BE EDUCATED, AS WELL. SO IN MANY RESPECTS, THIS  
5 IS AN ARTISTIC, CULTURAL, TEACHABLE MOMENT AND WE OUGHT TO  
6 SEIZE IT AS SUCH. NOW, THE NEXT TIME WE HAVE A PRESENTATION  
7 AND I HOPE THERE WILL BE ONE, IN A STATED PERIOD OF TIME, SIX  
8 MONTHS, WHATEVER IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, BRING SOME VISUALS SO  
9 THAT THE WHOLE PUBLIC CAN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, THE USE. IF  
10 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A 21ST CENTURY VENUE, YOU HAVE TO USE  
11 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY. A LITTLE POWERPOINT THAT SHOWS US  
12 WHAT YOU HAVE IS A GOOD THING TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE  
13 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM IS A GOOD THING. THE L.A. ARTS EXHIBIT  
14 THAT WAS JUST OPENED UP, EVERYBODY CAN AND SHOULD LEARN ABOUT  
15 IT IN THE PUBLIC SPACE ORGANIZED, NOT SIMPLY THE  
16 ADVERTISEMENTS THAT ARE DONE WITH SOME DETAIL BUT IN THE  
17 CONTEXT OF THE DELIBERATIVE PROCESS. IT SEEMS TO ME A  
18 TEACHABLE MOMENT IS UPON US AND WE OUGHT TO SEIZE IT AT EVERY  
19 JUNCTURE POSSIBLE. SO ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
20 PRESENTATION. TAKE THAT AS A CONSTRUCTIVE OR AN ARTISTIC  
21 SUGGESTION. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THOSE WHO WISH TO BE  
22 HEARD BY THE WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND THEY ARE ARNOLD SACHS  
23 AND ERIC PREVEN. AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO THE  
24 NEXT ITEM BEFORE US, AFTER WHICH WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE YOUR  
25 REPORT. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU. GENTLEMEN, PLEASE COME FORWARD.



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1 YOU MAY RELINQUISH YOUR SEATS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR.

2 PREVEN, MR. SACHS? MR. PREVEN, PROCEED, PLEASE.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
5 DISTRICT 3. TWO MINUTES, INTERESTING. THIS IS A VERY EXCITING  
6 PROJECT THAT I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THESE TEAMS ARE  
7 WORKING WELL TOGETHER. I LOVE THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
8 AND I'M A BIG L.A.C.M.A. FAN, AS WELL. I THINK ADVANCING THE  
9 PURPOSE OF THE EAST CAMPUS IS A GREAT MOVE FORWARD. AND THE  
10 FACT THAT WE'VE RAISED \$650 MILLION IN THE LAST 10 YEARS IS A  
11 SPECTACULAR SUM. I WONDER HOW MUCH OF THAT CAME FROM MR.  
12 BROAD, OF COURSE. MR. BROAD ALSO HAS A NEW MUSEUM DOWN HERE  
13 COMING UP, AND HE HAD A GREAT IDEA, WHICH IS TO MAKE IT FREE.  
14 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I CAN REALLY GET BEHIND. TODAY ITEM 5  
15 WAS OF COURSE INCREASING THE RATES AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL,  
16 WHICH IRKS ME A TEENY BIT BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF  
17 ORDINARY LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS BEING ABLE TO ACCESS  
18 THESE. AND I KNOW THAT'S A PRIORITY OF THE BOARDS BEHIND THESE  
19 OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT AT THE BECOMING  
20 LOS ANGELES EXHIBIT, WHICH IS VERY GOOD AND ABSOLUTELY WORTH A  
21 VISIT, I REALLY DID ENJOY IT, MY TWO TEENAGERS DID HAVE TO PAY  
22 A SUBSTANTIAL SUM, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS OFF. AND I FEEL THAT IF  
23 WE CAN IN THE PROCESS OF REINVENTING THE WAY THE PUBLIC ENJOYS  
24 MUSEUMS FIND A WAY TO SUBSIDIZE NOT JUST AT THE ENTRANCE BUT  
25 IN ADDITION TO THAT, I THINK THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO MAKE



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1 METRO-- WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE, AND I THINK EVERYBODY AGREES,  
2 THE YOUNG FOLKS TO COME IN THE DOORS OF THESE SPECTACULAR  
3 FACILITIES, WHETHER IT'S THE ENCYCLOPEDIA L.A.C.M.A. OR THE  
4 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM  
5 CERTAINLY 100 PERCENT BEHIND THIS IDEA AND I CERTAINLY HOPE  
6 THAT THE ESSENCE OF HANCOCK PARK AND THE LA BREA TAR PITS CAN  
7 RETAIN WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THEM. AND IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE  
8 ON A GREAT PATH. I LOVE THE IDEA OF TRANSPARENCY AND A PUBLIC  
9 PROCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. AND I WOULD URGE FOR THE  
10 JOHN HANSON FORD PROJECT THAT WE DO THE SAME BECAUSE THAT ONE  
11 HAS BEEN A BIT OFF TO THE SIDE. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE HOW THAT'S  
12 COMING. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
15 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
18 AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ART  
19 COLLECTION AND THE ART FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY. A COUPLE OF  
20 THINGS. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS MENTIONED WHEN THE SUBWAY COMES,  
21 AND IT GOT ME TO THINKING ABOUT THAT FAMOUS SONG BY LED  
22 ZEPPELIN "WHEN THE LEVEE BREAKS." THEY GUARANTEE NO IMPACT TO  
23 THE LA BREA TAR PITS, SOMEBODY MENTIONED. AND, AGAIN, YOU  
24 KNOW, I CONSIDER THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR METRO WAY BACK WHEN IN  
25 THE MID '90S TO CREATE THE SUBWAY TO THE SEA AND ALL THAT. AND



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1 THE PART THAT WAS GOING TO BE THE EXTENSION FROM WESTERN  
2 AVENUE TO LA CIENEGA THAT WAS POSTPONED AND ELIMINATED  
3 BASICALLY BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF THE METHANE GAS AND THE  
4 EXPLOSION THAT HAPPENED AT THIRD AND FAIRFAX WHICH IS PRETTY  
5 CLOSE TO A COUPLE ACRES AWAY FROM THE NEW EXPANSION OF THE  
6 MUSEUM GROUND. SO I DIDN'T HEAR ANY MENTION ABOUT METHANE  
7 MITIGATION. YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE METHANE MITIGATION AT PLAYA  
8 VISTA. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY METHANE MITIGATION AT THE GROVE,  
9 WHICH IS RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM WHERE THE METHANE BLEW  
10 OUT THE ROSS DRESS FOR LESS IN THE SHOPPING MALL RIGHT THERE,  
11 WHICH IS SOMEWHAT ODD. AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY METHANE  
12 MITIGATION MENTIONED HERE. JUST THE METHANE MITIGATION THAT  
13 UNFORTUNATELY CAUSED THE SUBWAY TO BE DISCONTINUED, ALTHOUGH  
14 SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY YOU JUST BLEW ALL THE MONEY. THE OTHER  
15 PART THAT I WAS LOOKING AT WAS THE ENERGY BACK TO THE CITY OR  
16 THE COUNTY FROM THE GREENING. AND YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT AND  
17 METRO ABOUT THE UTILITY LOCATION. IS THAT WITH D.W.P. OR IS  
18 THAT WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE THAT WILL BE DOING THE UTILITY  
19 RELOCATION?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DEBT FINANCING FROM THE COUNTY. NOTHING WAS  
24 MENTIONED ABOUT THAT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER  
2 HAS BEEN PRESENTED AND TESTIMONY HAS BEEN HEARD ON THE MATTER.  
3 WE RECEIVE AND FILE THE MOTION FOR THE ITEM AS PRESENTED.  
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
5 OFFICER, THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE US?

6  
7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE NEXT ITEM WOULD BE ITEM S-4,  
8 THE 11 O'CLOCK SET ITEM.

9  
10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU VERY  
11 MUCH. THAT SET ITEM IS A PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE DARREL  
12 STEINBERG WHO IS, IN FACT, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE  
13 CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE. AND WE'RE GOING TO INVITE HIM TO COME  
14 FORWARD AT THIS POINT IN TIME, AND TO HEAR HIS PRESENTATION.  
15 SENATOR STEINBERG WILL ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE SUBJECT MENTAL  
16 HEALTH, SPECIFICALLY STATE FUNDING OF LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH  
17 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING MATTERS PERTAINING TO JAIL FACILITIES. AS  
18 YOU'RE AWARE, WE ARE CONTEMPLATING A NUMBER OF SUCH ITEMS. AND  
19 WE HOPE THAT HE'LL ADDRESS SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WE'VE  
20 CONCERNED OURSELVES WITH, S.B. 105, PURSUANT TO HIS  
21 LEADERSHIP. YOU KNOW THAT WE'VE TAKEN A POSITION ON THAT ITEM.  
22 POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE WILL BE INVOKED JUST FOR THE  
23 PURPOSE OF MY INDICATING THAT I SERVED WITH THE PRO TEM AS A  
24 NUMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS THE  
25 CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE. I CONSIDER HIM BOTH A COLLEAGUE AND A



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1 FRIEND AND IT IS WITH BOTH A PERSONAL REGARD AND PROFESSIONAL  
2 CONSIDERATION THAT WE EXTEND TO YOU A WARM WELCOME TO THE  
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE IN LOS ANGELES.

4

5 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN  
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS A  
7 REAL HONOR TO BE HERE. THIS IS AN AWESOME SETTING HERE. AND  
8 I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INVITATION TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES  
9 AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING AT THE STATE LEVEL TO ADDRESS  
10 NOT ONLY PRISON OVERCROWDING BUT THE DESPERATE NEED FOR MENTAL  
11 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN OUR STATE AND MAYBE  
12 MOST IMPORTANTLY WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THE  
13 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE STATE HAS ALL THE TOOLS IT NEEDS IN  
14 ORDER TO SUCCEED ON THESE ISSUES. IF I MAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I  
15 WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY TALKING ABOUT SENATE BILL 105 BECAUSE  
16 IT REALLY FORMS THE BACKDROP, IF YOU WILL, OF WHERE WE ARE.  
17 AND WITHOUT OVERSTATING IT, I BELIEVE THE CURRENT PRISON  
18 OVERCROWDING DEBATE PROVIDES A PIVOTAL OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE  
19 DIRECTION IN A WAY THAT FOCUSES ON REDUCING THE UNACCEPTABLE  
20 RECIDIVISM RATE IN CALIFORNIA AND PROVIDES THE CHANCE FOR A  
21 DURABLE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION NOT ONLY TO OUR PRISON  
22 OVERCROWDING PROBLEM BUT TO MORE FUNDAMENTAL PIECES WITHIN OUR  
23 OVERALL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE  
24 GOVERNOR-- TWO GOVERNORS, ACTUALLY, HAVE BEEN DEFENDANTS IN  
25 FEDERAL COURT LITIGATION INVOLVING PRISON OVERCROWDING.



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1 GOVERNOR BROWN, I THINK, TOGETHER WITH THE LEGISLATURE HAVE  
2 DONE QUITE A BIT TO REDUCE THE OVERCROWDING IN THIS STATE. I  
3 KNOW RE-ALIGNMENT IS CONTROVERSIAL, BUT IT'S INDISPUTABLE THAT  
4 IT HAS RESULTED IN 40 PLUS THOUSAND INMATES FEWER IN OUR STATE  
5 PRISONS. BUT THE FEDERAL COURTS STILL HAVE FOUND THAT THE  
6 PRISONS ARE OVERCROWDED AND HAVE ISSUED AN ORDER THAT DECEMBER  
7 31, 2013, WE MUST EITHER RELEASE OR FIND ADDITIONAL  
8 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO APPROXIMATELY 10,000 INMATES IN THE  
9 CURRENT STATE PRISON SYSTEM. THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED SPENDING  
10 \$715 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS. THAT NUMBER WOULD GROW, OF  
11 COURSE, OVER THREE, FOUR YEARS TO LEASE JAIL SPACE BOTH IN  
12 STATE AND OUT OF STATE TO HOUSE THESE 10,000 OR SO INMATES. I  
13 OBJECTED, MY CAUCUS OBJECTED, BECAUSE MONEY IS PRECIOUS, MONEY  
14 IS NOT FREE. HAVING BEEN THROUGH A NUMBER OF THE MOST  
15 DIFFICULT STATE BUDGETS IN RECENT STATE HISTORY, I FELT LIKE  
16 WE AT LEAST OUGHT TO TAKE A PAUSE AND SEE IF THERE'S ANOTHER  
17 WAY. TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, WE NEGOTIATED S.B.105 IN THE  
18 LAST WEEK'S SESSION AND IT PROVIDES THAT IF THE COURT GRANTS  
19 AN EXTENSION, THE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL PLAN DOES NOT GO INTO  
20 EFFECT. IF THE COURT GRANTS AN EXTENSION, INSTEAD THE LAW  
21 PROVIDES THAT ANY SAVINGS FROM THE REDUCTION IN CAPACITY AS A  
22 RESULT OF THE COURT GRANTING AN EXTENSION WILL INSTEAD BE  
23 SPENT ON EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES THAT REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND  
24 WE SET UP A FUND WITHIN OUR GENERAL FUND, A RECIDIVISM  
25 REDUCTION FUND, TO APPROPRIATE THE COUNTIES AND PROVIDERS TO



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1 DO JUST THAT. NOT KNOWING HOW LONG AN EXTENSION THE COURT MAY  
2 GRANT, WE DON'T YET KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE IN THAT FUND.  
3 IN ADDITION, WE CHANGED THE LAW SO THAT COUNTIES CAN RECEIVE  
4 MORE COMPENSATION UNDER WHAT WE CALL THE 678 MODEL. THE BILL  
5 AUTHORED IN 2009 BY SENATOR MARK LENO SAYS THAT THE MORE  
6 PEOPLE THAT COUNTIES DIVERT FROM STATE PRISONS, THEY GET HALF  
7 OF THE SAVINGS TO PLOW BACK INTO CONTINUED EFFORTS TO REDUCE  
8 RECIDIVISM. WE'VE ENHANCED THAT FORMULA BY BASING THE  
9 COMPENSATION ON WHAT IT WOULD COST TO LEASE A PRIVATE JAIL OR  
10 PRISON SPACE. THAT'S PART OF S.B.105, AS WELL. WE ESTIMATE  
11 THAT IN THE FIRST YEAR AND A HALF OR SO, THIS RECIDIVISM  
12 REDUCTION FUND, IF WE ARE GRANTED THE RIGHT EXTENSION BY THE  
13 FEDERAL COURTS, SHOULD CREATE ABOUT 175 TO \$200 MILLION OF  
14 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES TO INVEST DIRECTLY IN  
15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. SO THAT'S WHERE  
16 WE START. AND ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT WE ARE MAKING BEFORE  
17 THE COURT, AND WE DO EXPECT THE COURT TO ISSUE A DECISION ON  
18 THIS REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION ANY DAY NOW SINCE DECEMBER 31,  
19 2013 IS FAST APPROACHING. ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT WE MAKE  
20 AND THAT I WOULD LIKE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU HERE TODAY IS  
21 THAT NOT ONLY DOES S.B.105 PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO  
22 REDUCE THIS REVOLVING DOOR WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF THE  
23 OVERCROWDING PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA, BUT IN THIS YEAR'S FINALLY  
24 DECENT BUDGET, STATE BUDGET, FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WERE ABLE  
25 TO AUGMENT PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN SEVERELY CURTAILED AND CUT



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1 DUE TO THE RECESSION. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN STATE BUDGET  
2 HISTORY, THE SINGLE LARGEST AUGMENTATION IN THE NON-EDUCATION  
3 AREA OF THE BUDGET WAS FOR MENTAL HEALTH. WE WERE ABLE TO GET  
4 APPROXIMATELY \$360 MILLION FOR INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH  
5 SERVICES, \$142 MILLION TO BUILD OR LEASE 2,000 CRISIS  
6 RESIDENTIAL BEDS, STABILIZATION BEDS SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T HAVE  
7 TO LANGUISH IN JAILS OR IN EMERGENCY ROOMS. WE WERE ABLE TO  
8 GET ABOUT \$60 MILLION TO HIRE 600 CASEWORKERS, TRIAGE WORKERS  
9 TO HELP PEOPLE FROM THOSE SETTINGS WHICH ARE EXPENSIVE AND  
10 DON'T HELP PEOPLE TO CRISIS RESIDENTIAL AND STABLE BEDS. WE  
11 WERE ALSO ABLE TO GET MONEY FOR PEER SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, ONE  
12 OF THE UNDERPUBLICIZED PARTS OF THE STATE BUDGET THIS YEAR IS  
13 THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE FULL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE  
14 ABUSE TREATMENT FOR THE MEDI-CAL EXPANSION POPULATION UNDER  
15 THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, \$360 MILLION OR SO IN TOTAL. WHAT  
16 DOES THIS MEAN FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY? WE ESTIMATE THAT LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ABOUT \$40 MILLION THIS  
18 YEAR FOR CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. IN ADDITION TO ITS  
19 APPROPRIATE LARGE SHARE OF THE FUNDS FOR TRIAGE PERSONNEL AS  
20 WELL AS MOBILE CRISIS TEAM PERSONNEL. WE ALSO GOT 20-- I  
21 FORGET EXACTLY WHAT THE NUMBER WAS-- 25 MOBILE OUTREACH TEAMS  
22 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE CAL-H.F.F.A. UNDER THE STATE  
23 TREASURER'S OFFICE IS OVERSEEING THIS CRISIS RESIDENTIAL  
24 MONEY, AND THEY BELIEVE THEY'RE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THEIR  
25 INITIAL AWARDS BY JANUARY OF 2014. OF COURSE, THE MEDI-CAL



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1 EXPANSION WILL BENEFIT 250,000 PEOPLE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
2 WHO WILL HAVE NOW ACCESS TO FULL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE  
3 ABUSE SERVICES. THIS IS IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, TO WHAT L.A.  
4 COUNTY HAS CONTINUED TO DO WITH ITS PROP 63 MONEY, ITS MENTAL  
5 HEALTH SERVICES ACT MONEY, AN ACT WHICH I WAS PRIVILEGED TO  
6 AUTHOR BACK IN 2004. THE STATE AUDITOR PUT OUT AN  
7 APPROPRIATELY CRITICAL REPORT ON THE FACT THAT WHILE THE MONEY  
8 HAS NOT BEEN MISSPENT IN ANY WAY, STATEWIDE THEY HAVE NOT  
9 PRODUCED CONSISTENT OUTCOME-BASED EVALUATIONS ON WHAT POSITIVE  
10 OUTCOMES THAT MONEY HAS GENERATED. NOT SO IN L.A. COUNTY. L.A.  
11 COUNTY HAS ACTUALLY DONE THE OUTCOME-BASED EVALUATION WORK;  
12 AND AS A RESULT OF THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND THE  
13 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM WHAT WE CALL FULL  
14 SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS UNDER THE ACT, L.A. COUNTY HAS SHOWN A 71  
15 PERCENT REDUCTION IN DAYS SPENT HOMELESS, A 49 PERCENT  
16 REDUCTION IN DAYS SPENT INCARCERATED, AND A 59 PERCENT  
17 INCREASE IN DAYS LIVING INDEPENDENTLY FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE  
18 FORMERLY HOMELESS OR ON THE EDGE OF HOMELESSNESS, LIVING IN AN  
19 APARTMENT OR A HOUSE. SIMILARLY, POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR  
20 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS, AS  
21 WELL. AND SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE FEDERAL THREE-JUDGE PANEL  
22 IS GOING TO GRANT AN EXTENSION SO THAT THE STATE IS NOT  
23 SPENDING MONEY EXCLUSIVELY OR PRIMARILY ON LEASING JAIL SPACE.  
24 ESPECIALLY OUT OF STATE. AND THAT THOSE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS  
25 OF DOLLARS SAVED OVER TIME, IN ADDITION TO THE RESOURCES



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1 PROVIDED IN THIS YEAR'S STATE BUDGET, IN ADDITION TO THE  
2 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PROP 63, THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL HAVE  
3 THE RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO LEAD THE WAY IN CALIFORNIA TO  
4 SHOW THAT WE CAN BE, TO USE THE COMMON PHRASE, "SMART ON  
5 CRIME," TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FIRST, ALWAYS, BUT TO RECOGNIZE  
6 THAT WE'RE NOT PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WHEN 65 TO 70 PERCENT OF  
7 PEOPLE WHO LEAVE JAIL OR PRISON COME BACK BECAUSE WE'RE NOT  
8 DEALING WITH THEIR UNDERLYING MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
9 ISSUE. MENTAL HEALTH IS THE ISSUE OF OUR TIME. YOU SEE IT  
10 EVERYWHERE. IT'S HIGHLIGHTED WHEN THERE ARE THESE HORRIBLE  
11 MASS SHOOTINGS AND THEN IT TENDS TO GO AWAY. BUT IT IS THERE  
12 AND AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE OTHER LINE ITEM THAT YOU HAVE TO DEAL  
13 WITH HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THAT OTHER COUNTY BOARDS  
14 OF SUPERVISORS AND CITY COUNCILS HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN THEIR  
15 COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. WE HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING SMARTER  
16 AND TAKE A FREIGHT SHIP THAT IS HEADING IN ONE UNPRODUCTIVE  
17 AND EXPENSIVE DIRECTION AND TURN IT, AND TURN IT ACTUALLY  
18 FASTER THAN YOU ORDINARILY CAN IN POLITICS AND IN GOVERNMENT  
19 BECAUSE OF THIS MOMENT IN TIME AND THE PROCESS WE'RE ENGAGED  
20 IN WITH THE FEDERAL COURT AND THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL. I THANK  
21 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONVERSATION, GOOD  
22 CONVERSATION. I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP OF YOU AND  
23 ALL YOUR MEMBERS ON THESE ISSUES FOR SO MANY YEARS.  
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRO  
2 TEM. IT'S A MATTER OF RECORD WHAT YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN ON  
3 THE MATTER AS A PREMIER MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE. I DARE SAY IT  
4 WOULD TAKE MORE TIME THAN WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US AT THIS  
5 JUNCTURE TO DELINEATE ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE DONE OR ARE  
6 DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO ON THIS MATTER. I'M CONFIDENT  
7 THAT THE BOARD WISHES TO ENGAGE YOU. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MAY  
8 I SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD  
9 LIKE TO SPEAK, NOT THE LEAST OF WHOM IS OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
10 JACKIE LACEY, WHO HAS REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.  
11 PLEASE KEEP YOUR SEAT, MR. STEINBERG. MS. LACEY, IF YOU WOULD  
12 COME FORWARD. SUPERVISOR KNABE MAKES REFERENCE TO THE FACT  
13 THAT CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IS HERE AND MAY WISH TO COMMENT  
14 ON THE MATTER. WE NOTE THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR  
15 MENTAL HEALTH IS HERE, WHO MAY WISH TO WEIGH IN, AS WELL. BUT  
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE CERTAINLY WISH TO MAXIMIZE THE  
17 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR INPUT. AND PERHAPS WE CAN DO THAT  
18 PURSUANT TO THE TESTIMONY.

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20 **D.A. JACKIE LACEY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN. WELCOME SENATOR  
21 STEINBERG. THIS I WANTED TO ADD MY COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT  
22 ATTORNEY'S PERSPECTIVE ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. FIRST OF ALL,  
23 WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE. WE'VE OFTEN WATCHED FROM-- WATCHED  
24 WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO AND WISHED THEY WOULD COME AND  
25 SPEND SOME TIME WITH US IN THE TRENCHES. AND SO WE'RE THRILLED



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1 TO WELCOME YOU AND UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A TOUR OF  
2 THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF THE JAIL TODAY. BUT THIS IS AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND  
4 I AS THE ELECTED OFFICIAL TO REALLY WEIGH IN ON THIS VERY  
5 IMPORTANT ISSUE SINCE BEING ELECTED, A.B.109 AND PARTICULARLY  
6 MENTAL HEALTH. WE ARE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING ON A  
7 PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH COURTS, WHICH WE THINK ARE  
8 THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY IN GETTING PEOPLE HELP. OFTENTIMES  
9 THOSE THAT ARE MENTALLY ILL COME INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
10 SYSTEM BY COMMITTING MINOR CRIMES OR IN SOME CASES MODERATE  
11 CRIMES AND WE THINK THAT THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HANDLED  
12 THROUGH OUR PILOT COURT IS THE WAY THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE  
13 HANDLED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THERE IS ONE PERSON, ONE JUDGE  
14 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY HANDLING THOSE WHO ARE-- WHO HAVE BEEN  
15 DESIGNATED AS THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND HAVE A SUBSTANCE  
16 ABUSE. THERE ARE SEVERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURTS, BUT WE THINK  
17 THERE NEED TO BE A LOT MORE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. WE  
18 WOULD HOPE THAT THIS RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUND WOULD IN FACT,  
19 IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER USING THOSE TO HELP US OPEN UP MORE  
20 COURTS TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND THOSE WHO  
21 HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE BECAUSE WE THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE THE  
22 BIGGEST IMPEDIMENT. WE JUST SUFFERED A ROUND OF COURT CLOSURES  
23 DUE TO MONEY, AND WE THINK THAT PERHAPS THIS WHERE THAT KIND  
24 OF MONEY COULD ALSO BE SPENT. WE'VE ALSO ENGAGED IN DISCUSSION  
25 WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF MENTAL HEALTH ABOUT DOING SOME



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1 PRE-BOOKING OR ARREST DIVERSION PROGRAMS. AND WE'RE LOOKING  
2 FOR CENTERS WHO COULD PERHAPS TAKE SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE AS  
3 OPPOSED TO PUTTING THEM IN THE COUNTY JAIL. I DO WANT TO MAKE  
4 THE POINT, THOUGH, THAT OUR COUNTY, THE A.B.109, IT'S BEEN  
5 ALMOST TWO YEARS SINCE IT'S BEEN IMPLEMENTED, AND IT IS A  
6 CHANGE THAT OCCURRED VERY FAST. AND SO WE HAVE REALLY-- WE'RE  
7 REALLY CHALLENGED TO MEET A LOT OF THE NEEDS THAT ARE  
8 OCCURRING. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED. AND WE  
9 KNOW THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A BETTER SHOT AT NOT RE-ENTERING THE  
10 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IF THERE WERE SERVICES IN PLACE. AND  
11 SO WE WANT TO LEND OUR VOICE TO THE IDEA THAT WHILE CHANGE MAY  
12 BE GOOD, IT SHOULD BE WELL THOUGHT OUT. WE'RE HERE TO PROVIDE  
13 INPUT, FEEDBACK. AND WE THINK THAT WE WOULD BENEFIT IN THIS  
14 COUNTY BY CONTINUING TO HAVE AVAILABLE CUSTODIAL SETTINGS.  
15 BECAUSE DESPITE WHAT WE MAY THINK, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT  
16 ARE BEST HANDLED IN A CUSTODIAL SETTING. SOME PEOPLE JUST  
17 COMMIT CRIMES AND NEED TO GO TO JAIL FOR OUR OWN PUBLIC  
18 SAFETY. BUT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT I AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAVE  
19 MADE A PRIORITY, DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL IN A MUCH MORE  
20 HUMANE AND EFFECTIVE WAY IS THE WAY TO GO. AND WE LOOK FORWARD  
21 TO SEEING SOME SOLUTIONS THAT WILL REALLY EFFECTIVELY DEAL  
22 WITH THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THANK  
23 YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2 MR. PRO TEM, AND FOLLOWED BY DR. SOUTHARD AND MR. POWERS,  
3 PLEASE.

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5 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** IF I MAY, THE CITY ATTORNEY AND I  
6 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMING, I THINK MADE SOME VERY  
7 IMPORTANT POINTS AND ALLOWS ME TO CLARIFY HOW THIS RECIDIVISM  
8 REDUCTION FUND, AS WELL AS THE ENHANCED COMPENSATION FOR  
9 COUNTIES UNDER THE 678 MODEL WILL WORK. UNDER THE 678 MODEL,  
10 THE COUNTIES CAN USE THAT MONEY AT THEIR DISCRETION TO  
11 DETERMINE THE BEST INVESTMENT, INCLUDING THE VERY DIVERSION  
12 AND SPECIALIZED COURTS THAT CITY ATTORNEY LACEY-- DISTRICT  
13 ATTORNEY LACEY, I APOLOGIZE-- DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY JUST  
14 TALKED ABOUT. THE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUND IS SUBJECT TO  
15 APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE. BUT I WANT TO SAY HERE  
16 PUBLICLY RIGHT NOW THAT I COMMIT TO ENSURING THAT MENTAL  
17 HEALTH COURTS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURTS ARE AN APPROPRIATE  
18 PIECE OF THAT FUND BECAUSE THEY'RE PROVEN TO WORK, IN  
19 COMBINATION WITH SERVICES, THE RIGHT KIND OF SERVICES. THAT'S  
20 EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO MORE OF. THANK YOU.

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22 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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1 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE WITH  
2 SENATOR STEINBERG. HE HAS BEEN A PARTNER WITH L.A. COUNTY WAY  
3 BACK SINCE A.B.34, WHICH WAS THE FORERUNNER OF THE PROP 63,  
4 AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PILOT PROGRAMS  
5 THAT MADE THAT A.B.34 WORK. WITH REGARD TO S.B.82, WE BELIEVE  
6 THERE'S WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO EXPAND SERVICES TO  
7 POPULATIONS THAT WE KNOW THAT YOU AS BOARD MEMBERS ARE  
8 INTERESTED IN HAVING US SERVE. FOR EXAMPLE, VETERANS AND  
9 ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR PLACEMENTS, THE  
10 TRIAGE WORKERS COULD BE USED FOR THOSE AND FOR OTHER  
11 POPULATIONS IN AN IMPORTANT WAY, AS WELL AS FOR THE FORENSIC  
12 POPULATIONS THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE  
13 CRISIS STABILIZATION AND CRISIS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS  
14 ESPECIALLY, IF WE'RE ABLE TO LINK THEM TO THE ADDITIONAL  
15 RESOURCES THROUGH THE DRUG MEDICAID PROGRAM, WILL PRESENT US  
16 WITH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF CARE  
17 THAT IS CAPABLE OF REALLY GIVING PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
18 REALLY CHANGE THEIR LIVES. BECAUSE IF WE DISCHARGE SOMEONE  
19 FROM A JAIL OR A FACILITY AND THEY ARE STILL IN THE THROES OF  
20 NEEDING ADDICTION TREATMENT AND ARE PUT BACK ON THE STREET,  
21 IT'S UNLIKELY THAT RECOVERY WILL BE THEIR LOT. BUT IF WE HAVE  
22 A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GET DETOXIFICATION, RESIDENTIAL  
23 TREATMENT AS WELL AS THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE THAT THEY NEED,  
24 THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE REALLY TO CHANGE THEIR  
25 LIVES. AND INSTEAD OF BEING A BURDEN ON THEIR COMMUNITIES,



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1 GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO WE THINK THAT THE KINDS OF  
2 CONCEPTS YOU HAVE IN MIND ARE EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED AT THIS  
3 MOMENT IN TIME. SO THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR.  
6 SOUTHARD. CHIEF POWERS.

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8 **JERRY POWERS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S  
9 CERTAINLY MY PLEASURE TO SIT NEXT TO SENATOR STEINBERG AND  
10 ADDRESS HIS COMMENTS AND HIS EFFORTS IN SACRAMENTO. AS YOU  
11 KNOW, I'VE BEEN ON THIS MERRY GO ROUND CALLED THE PRISON RE-  
12 ALIGNMENT, OVERCROWDING FOR ABOUT THE LAST FIVE YEARS. WE'VE  
13 BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT'S ORDERS AND  
14 WHAT WE KNEW WAS COMING TOWARDS US. FRANKLY, SENATOR  
15 STEINBERG'S PORTION OF S.B.105 IS THE DURABLE PART OF IT. I'VE  
16 VERY CLEARLY SENT YOUR MESSAGE TO SACRAMENTO THAT WE HAVE TO  
17 DO SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T INCREASE THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS OR  
18 OUR ISSUES. AND I HAVE TO COMMEND SENATOR STEINBERG FOR  
19 LISTENING TO THAT MESSAGE AND COMING UP WITH SOME PLANS THAT  
20 WE HOPE WILL INSTEAD OF RELEASING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE  
21 BACKSIDE OF OUR PRISON SYSTEM, WHICH WE KNOW IS NOT A VERY  
22 EFFECTIVE REHABILITATIVE METHOD, PREVENTING THEM FROM GETTING  
23 THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT'S SMART ON CRIME. IT'S SMART WITH  
24 THE TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS. CERTAINLY SENATOR STEINBERG TOUCHED ON  
25 ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT'S VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO PROBATION'S



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1 HEART AND THAT'S SENATE BILL 678 FUNDING. THE REFERENCE TO  
2 THAT IN S.B. 105 WE THINK WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT REVENUE TO  
3 PROBATION AND TO TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
4 WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF SITING TWO ADDITIONAL DAY REPORTING  
5 CENTERS FOR OUR ADULT POPULATION, OUR ADULT FELONY PROBATION  
6 POPULATION. THE ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WILL COME TO US UNDER  
7 S.B.678 WILL ALLOW US TO FAST TRACK TWO ADDITIONAL ONES SO  
8 THAT WE'LL HAVE FIVE IN ALL FIVE DISTRICTS IN LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO SOME OTHER PROGRAMS. SO CERTAINLY OUR  
10 HOPE IS THAT THIS IS THE DURABLE SOLUTION AND IT'S SOMETHING  
11 THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR YEARS, THAT WE NEED TO  
12 PREVENT THEM FROM COMING IN IN THE FIRST PLACE AS OPPOSED TO  
13 TRYING TO DEAL WITH THEM AS THEY COME OUT THE BACKSIDE OF OUR  
14 SYSTEM. SO KUDOS TO SENATOR STEINBERG AND HIS CAUCUS AND THEIR  
15 ABILITY TO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND COME UP WITH THE  
16 SHORT-TERM AND THE LONG TERM SOLUTION, WE HOPE, TO THIS  
17 PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, CHIEF POWERS. MEMBERS  
20 OF THE BOARD, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE SENATOR STEINBERG, WE  
21 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR DON KNABE.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, SENATOR STEINBERG, FOR JOINING US  
24 TODAY. ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES FOR US, OBVIOUSLY THE EARLY



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1 RELEASE OF STATE PRISONERS AS A WAY OF GETTING OUT FROM  
2 UNDERNEATH THE COURT ORDER IS AN ABSOLUTE NON-STARTER FOR US.

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4 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** FOR US, TOO.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU AND THE MEMBERS  
7 LISTENING TO THE COUNTIES AS IN REGARDS TO THAT SITUATION. BUT  
8 THE WHOLE 109, THE WHOLE REALIGNMENT ISSUE STILL CONTINUES TO  
9 CREATE SOME SITUATIONS FOR US, ALTHOUGH THE MENTALLY ILL IS  
10 THAT SIGNIFICANT PART, BUT WE'RE STILL SEEING PRISONERS COMING  
11 FROM THE STATE THAT DON'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO FITTING ANY  
12 CRITERIA FOR COUNTY JAILS. THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE FOR US. OTHERS  
13 THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND YOU DISCUSSED THAT EARLIER WITH  
14 THE SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE CREATING ISSUES FOR US.  
15 AND SOME WERE JUST TOO VIOLENT AND UNSTABLE TO BE RELEASED IN  
16 THE FIRST PLACE. AND THAT EVALUATION, THAT ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
17 THAT WE CONTINUE TO GO THROUGH IS DIFFICULT, AS WELL. AND ALSO  
18 SOME OF THE N-3S HAVE INCREDIBLY LONG SENTENCES. AND AGAIN OUR  
19 COUNTY JAILS, WHETHER IT BE L.A. COUNTY OR THE COUNTY-STATE,  
20 WERE NOT REALLY SET UP TO DO THAT. THE ISSUE OF THE  
21 FLEXIBILITY OF FUNDING UNDER YOUR PROGRAM, I THINK, WOULD BE  
22 VERY GOOD FOR US AS IT RELATES TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES,  
23 DRUG ADDICTION ISSUES AND ALL THE OTHERS. HOWEVER, THE CONCERN  
24 ALWAYS IS THE WAY THE LAW IS WRITTEN OR CREATED THE ASSESSMENT  
25 SITUATION IS THAT DO WE GET CAUGHT, THE STATE NOW OWNS THE



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1 COURTS. AND SO IF WE WERE TO TRY TO ALLOCATE THOSE  
2 DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS UNDER YOUR BILL, WOULD WE BE ABLE TO DO  
3 THAT OR WOULD THE COURTS COME BACK TO US AND SAY, "WELL WE  
4 WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY HERE"? I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
5 THAT IT IS VERY, VERY CLEAR, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE A HUGE HELP  
6 TO US, TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THOSE DOLLARS ON THESE ADDICTION  
7 OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, BUT WE NEED THE FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE  
8 WE WOULD BE TRYING TO ALLOCATE DOLLARS TO A STATE GROUP, NOW  
9 THE COURTS, WHO MIGHT PUSH BACK AND SAY, "WELL WE'D RATHER  
10 OPEN THIS COURT," BECAUSE AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INDICATED,  
11 THE COURT CLOSURES AND THEN TRYING TO DEAL WITH DEDICATED  
12 COURTROOMS FOR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IS GOING TO BE A HUGE  
13 ISSUE FOR US. HUGE. SO HOPEFULLY YOU CAN ADDRESS THAT AND IN  
14 ALL THE FOLLOW UP LEGISLATION.

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16 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THERE'S A  
17 FINE LINE FROM BEING OVERLY PRESCRIPTIVE BUT BEING SO FLEXIBLE  
18 THAT YOU ALLOW FOR SUPPLANTATION, AND WE DON'T WANT TO DO  
19 EITHER. INSTEAD, THESE FUNDS, THE 678 REIMBURSEMENT AS WELL AS  
20 THE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION FUND, WE WILL WRITE THE LAW TO GIVE  
21 THE COUNTIES SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO DETERMINE ITS BEST  
22 PRACTICES AS LONG AS THEY'RE GOING TOWARDS PRACTICES THAT  
23 REDUCE THE REVOLVING DOOR, THAT REDUCE THE RECIDIVISM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TOO, AS WELL, AND  
2 THAT'S THE KEY, THOUGH. BUT IF WE WERE TO SAY AS A BOARD  
3 UNANIMOUSLY, "WE'D LIKE TO MOVE THOSE DOLLARS TO YOU,  
4 PRESIDING JUDGE, TO OPEN TWO MORE COURTROOMS AS IT RELATES TO  
5 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES--"

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7 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** WE WON'T LET YOU DO THAT,  
8 RESPECTFULLY. THE LAW CAN'T BE-- WE CAN'T WRITE THE  
9 APPROPRIATION THAT WAY BECAUSE THAT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.  
10 AND, FRANKLY, THE FEDERAL COURT THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO OVERSEE  
11 THESE MATTERS EVEN WITH AN EXTENSION I DON'T THINK WOULD  
12 ACCEPT THAT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR POINT AS IT RELATES TO  
15 RECIDIVISM AND BEING ABLE TO USE THOSE DOLLARS AS WE DEEM  
16 APPROPRIATE AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH AND MORE THE  
17 ADDICTION ISSUES. THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER.

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19 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I'M SORRY. MAYBE I MISUNDERSTOOD  
20 THE QUESTION. I THOUGHT YOU WERE SAYING, COULD THE MONEY BE  
21 DIVERTED TO OPEN UP A NEW COURTROOM UNRELATED TO THESE ISSUES?  
22 IF IT'S RELATED TO THESE ISSUES, THEN OF COURSE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S MY ISSUE, BECAUSE WE WOULD WANT TO DO THAT  
25 RELATED TO THESE ISSUES THAT YOU'RE ADDRESSING.



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2       **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** FINE.

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4       **SUP. KNABE:** THE JUDGE MIGHT SAY, "NO, WE WANT SOMETHING ELSE,"  
5 AND WE'D HAVE TO PULL THE MONEY.

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7       **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** NO, I THINK WE NEED TO GIVE  
8 COUNTIES FLEXIBILITY, AND THE PROOF, OF COURSE WITH 68, THE  
9 PROOF IS IN THE RESULTS. YOU GET MORE MONEY IN SUBSEQUENT  
10 YEARS, THE MORE PEOPLE YOU DIVERT FROM THE STATE PRISON. IF  
11 YOU DON'T DIVERT PEOPLE FROM STATE PRISON, YOU DON'T GET MONEY  
12 OR AS MUCH MONEY IN SUCCESSIVE YEARS.

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14       **SUP. KNABE:** AND I AGREE WITH THAT. I'M JUST SAYING THAT WE  
15 WOULD BE AGREEING WITH YOU AND YOU WOULD BE AGREEING WITH US,  
16 BUT THE PRESIDING JUDGE MIGHT NOT AGREE. AND THAT WAY WE'D  
17 HAVE TO PULL THE MONEY BACK.

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19       **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I THINK THE FEDERAL COURT IS  
20 INTERESTED IN RESULTS. WE JUST HAVE THE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT  
21 WE'VE GOT A CREDIBLE PATH AND WE'LL BE OKAY.

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23       **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
2 KNABE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR  
3 ANTONOVICH IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SENATOR STEINBERG, FOR BEING HERE  
7 TO HEAR SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE HERE. ONE, LAURA'S  
8 LAW, IF YOU WOULD HAVE LAURA'S LAW IMPLEMENTED FULLY IN REFORM  
9 SO THAT YOU WOULD HAVE COURT-ORDERED INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH  
10 TREATMENT, YOU WOULD REDUCE HOSPITALIZATION, HOMELESSNESS,  
11 ARRESTS AND INCARCERATION OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
12 ARE MENTALLY ILL. WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS A BROKEN SYSTEM. THESE  
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TOO MENTALLY ILL TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR  
14 THEMSELVES DO DECIDE TO STAY ON A STREET CORNER, UNDERNEATH A  
15 FREEWAY OFFRAMP OR ON A BUS BENCH. AND THEY REFUSE TREATMENT  
16 WHEN OFFERED TO THEM WHEN WE SEND OUT OUR P.E.T. TEAMS, WHICH  
17 WE SEND OUT REGULARLY, AND IT IS ONE OF MY PRIORITIES. BUT YET  
18 THEY WALK AWAY, THEY DON'T WANT THAT TREATMENT. THESE  
19 INDIVIDUALS NEED TO HAVE COURT-ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH  
20 TREATMENT. THAT'S ONE ISSUE.

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22 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** RESPOND TO THAT?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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1 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I AUTHORED THIS YEAR'S SENATE BILL  
2 585 WHICH IS CURRENTLY SITTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK AWAITING  
3 HOPEFULLY A SIGNATURE. THAT BILL CLARIFIES THE LAW TO ENSURE  
4 THAT COUNTIES WHO WANT TO USE THEIR PROPOSITION 63 MENTAL  
5 HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDS ON IMPLEMENTING LAURA'S LAW, THE  
6 SERVICE PORTION OF LAURA'S LAW, THEY CAN DO SO. RIGHT? FOR THE  
7 LAST 10 YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN AMBIGUITY IN THE LAW,  
8 ADMITTEDLY. MY BILL CLEANS UP THAT AMBIGUITY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE DOING THAT IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT THE  
11 PROBLEM IS: YOU NEED TO HAVE A COURT ORDER TO RECEIVE THAT  
12 TREATMENT AND THAT IS NOT IN PLACE TODAY. SO AN INDIVIDUAL HAS  
13 TO GIVE AGREEMENT, CONCURRENCE TO HAVE THAT TREATMENT.

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15 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** WELL LAURA'S LAW ALLOWS FOR  
16 MANDATORY INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT BASED UPON, YOU'RE  
17 RIGHT, BASED UPON A COURT ORDER. THE COURT ORDER IS ASSUMED  
18 UNDER LAURA'S LAW AS IT PASSED IN 2003, I BELIEVE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE NEED TO HAVE IS ALLOW MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE  
21 TO RECEIVE THAT TREATMENT WHEN REFERRED BY A COURT. RIGHT NOW,  
22 THAT INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THAT ABILITY BECAUSE THEY CAN,  
23 ON THEIR OWN MENTAL ILLNESS STATE OF MIND, REFUSE IT, AND  
24 THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE WALKING AROUND. YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE. YOU  
25 CAN SEE THIS BUS BENCH RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE HALL OF



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1 ADMINISTRATION. EVERY DAY AFTER 4:00, YOU CAN GO IN FRONT OF  
2 THE COURTHOUSE TODAY, A LADY IN HER WHEELCHAIR WHO HAS REFUSED  
3 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, REFUSED VOUCHERS, IS OUT THERE EVERY  
4 DAY. AND THESE INDIVIDUALS NEED TO HAVE COURT-ORDERED MENTAL  
5 HEALTH TREATMENT TO GET THEM BACK INTO A NORMAL WORLD.

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7 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I THINK IF SOMEBODY HAS BEEN  
8 CHARGED WITH A CRIME--

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, NO CRIME. THE MENTALLY ILL WHO ARE ON  
11 MARS TODAY. THAT'S WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT.

12

13 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** AS I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT AND YOUR  
14 QUESTION, YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE STANDARD UNDER SO-CALLED 5150  
15 OUGHT TO BE CHANGED TO MAKE IT EASIER. AND I THINK THAT THERE  
16 IS AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR 5150 AND INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT. BUT  
17 I ALSO THINK WE HAVE NOT DONE NEARLY ENOUGH TO DO THE SORT OF  
18 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH THAT DR. SOUTHARD AND HUNDREDS OF PROVIDERS  
19 IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE SHOWN TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IF YOU  
20 CONSISTENTLY REACH OUT TO PEOPLE, YOU CAN GET THEM INTO  
21 TREATMENT. THERE'S SOME YOU CAN'T, BUT MANY YOU CAN. AND  
22 THAT'S WHAT THE PROP 63 EVALUATION IN L.A. COUNTY SHOWED WITH  
23 VOLUNTARY, ASSERTIVE VOLUNTARY SERVICES YOU CAN HELP MANY,  
24 MANY PEOPLE.

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1 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AT YOUR DIRECTION,  
2 WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING HERE IN LOS ANGELES EXPANDING WHAT  
3 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH LAURA'S LAW. WE'VE CONVENED A GROUP  
4 THAT INCLUDED THE COURTS AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC  
5 DEFENDER TO SEE ABOUT EXPANDING IT. THE GROUP IS NOW PLANNED  
6 TO GO TO NEVADA COUNTY, WHICH IS THE ONE COUNTY THAT HAS FULLY  
7 IMPLEMENTED--

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LADY IN FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE TODAY,  
10 SHE STILL STAYS THERE, RAIN OR SHINE. SHE USED TO WALK IN A  
11 CIRCLE. NOW SHE CAN'T WALK. SHE'S IN A WHEELCHAIR. DAY IN AND  
12 DAY OUT. SHE NEEDS MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. SHE NEEDS TO HAVE  
13 A COURT ORDER TO GET HER BACK TO NORMAL LIFE. THIS LAW, UNLESS  
14 IT'S CHANGED, WILL NOT ALLOW HER TO HAVE THAT TREATMENT.  
15 THEY'LL LEAVE HER OUT IN THE RAIN. THE GENTLEMAN THAT SITS ON  
16 THIS BUS BENCH IN FRONT OF THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION SAME  
17 WAY. THE LADY WHO WAS SLEEPING ON THE STREET ON THE FREEWAY  
18 OFFRAMP ON THE ROAD HERE ON GRAND, THE SAME THING. SO THAT'S  
19 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU  
22 APPRECIATE PERHAPS, I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT,  
23 BUT AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, I CARRIED SUCH A BILL IN  
24 AN ATTEMPT TO ADVANCE THE-- THAT IS TO HUMANELY ADVANCE THE  
25 ISSUE OF INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT. IT WAS NOT MET WITH THE



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1 SUCCESS THAT I'D HOPED. N.A.M.I., THE ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH  
2 MANY OF US ARE ASSOCIATED, FAMILIES SAYING WE NEED HELP. AND  
3 SO I THINK THERE'S INCREASING SENSITIVITY TO THE CLAIM THAT'S  
4 BEING MADE. THERE'S A HIGH DEGREE OF TENSION AROUND THE  
5 QUESTION OF VOLUNTARY VERSUS INVOLUNTARY. THEREIN IS THE  
6 DEBATE, SUPERVISOR, AND SO I THINK THE MESSAGE THAT THE PRO  
7 TEM RECEIVES TODAY IS THE HISTORICAL ONE WHICH I THINK IS AN  
8 ARGUMENT STILL TO BE MADE FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. AND YOU ECHO  
9 THAT AND TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THERE'S A BIPARTISAN PUSH.  
10 NOT ALL MEMBERS NECESSARILY AGREE WITH THAT. BUT THE  
11 DISCUSSION IS WORTHY OF CONTINUING TO BE ENTERTAINED. YOUR  
12 NEXT QUESTION?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE PROPOSITION A.B.109, AS OF SEPTEMBER  
15 6TH WE'VE HAD OVER 20,000 PAROLEES NOW FROM STATE PAROLE ON  
16 COUNTY PROBATION'S RESPONSIBILITY, UNDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.  
17 OF THOSE, OVER 61 PERCENT ARE HIGH RISK OR VERY HIGH RISK  
18 OFFENDERS. 507 ARE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS. BUT THE  
19 STATISTIC, 20,236 WERE ARRESTED FOR NEW OFFENSES. MANY OF  
20 THESE, BECAUSE THAT NUMBER IS HIGHER THAN THE 20,000 THAT WERE  
21 RELEASED TO COUNTY PROBATION, HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED MORE THAN  
22 ONE TIME, AND THAT IS NOT A GOOD STATISTIC WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
23 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ROBBERIES IN  
24 MALIBU INCREASED BY 200 PERCENT, IN LA PUENTE, 120 PERCENT,  
25 ST. DIMAS 86 PERCENT, AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS RESULTED IN



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1 CALABASAS IN A 99 PERCENT INCREASE, 251 PERCENT INCREASE IN  
2 MALIBU. CERRITOS A 53 PERCENT INCREASE, 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN  
3 WEST HOLLYWOOD. BURGLARIES, 300 PERCENT INCREASE IN HIDDEN  
4 HILLS. 89 PERCENT IN ROSEMEAD. 43 PERCENT INCREASE IN LA  
5 PUENTE. WALNUT, 62 PERCENT INCREASE. GRAND THEFT AUTO, 41  
6 PERCENT INCREASE IN MARINA DEL REY. 82 PERCENT INCREASE IN SAN  
7 DIMAS. 30 PERCENT INCREASE IN PALMDALE. 34 PERCENT INCREASE IN  
8 SANTA CLARITA. SO WE'VE HAD THIS SPIKE IN CRIME. AND THEN  
9 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL INSTEAD OF STATE  
10 PRISON, YOU HAD 15,700 HAVE BEEN SENTENCED AS OF AUGUST 30TH.  
11 OF THOSE, 6,126 ARE CURRENTLY IN JAIL. WE HAVE ONE PERSON  
12 WHO'S IN JAIL FOR 42 YEARS. HE'S BEEN SENTENCED TO 42 YEARS.  
13 WE HAVE 43 OF THESE WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 10  
14 YEARS. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE HAVE A SYSTEM WHERE THE  
15 COUNTY IS GOING TO BE GIVEN FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY,  
16 BECAUSE OF THE STATE, THEY SHIFTED IT ALL DOWN TO THE COUNTY,  
17 TO HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF FULL RANGE SERVICES THAT THE STATE  
18 WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE AND THAT'S WHY THEY WERE SUED. ALL 58  
19 COUNTRIES GOING TO BE UNDER THAT SAME TYPE OF RESPONSIBILITY  
20 AND JURISDICTION BY THE COURT IN FUTURE LAWSUITS. AND THE  
21 SYSTEM IS BROKEN. AND TO SAY THAT WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS IS NOT  
22 TRUE. WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE, YOU HAVE 8,000 NOW CONTRACTED OUT  
23 OF STATE AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, I GUESS, IN YOUR NEW  
24 LEGISLATION THAT THE GOVERNOR JUST SIGNED TWO NEW CONTRACTS  
25 IN-HOUSE. BUT YOU NEED TO REFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 CORRECTIONS. YOUR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS BASICALLY ARE RUNNING  
2 WILD RELATIVE TO THEIR WORK RULES. YOU HAVE A PSYCHOLOGIST  
3 WHO'S MAKING OVER \$800,000 A YEAR. YOU HAVE MEDICAL DOCTORS  
4 WHO CAN'T TREAT PATIENTS ANYMORE BECAUSE THEY DO INFERIOR JOBS  
5 GETTING QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO SORT THE MAIL  
6 TO WORK IN THE MAIL ROOM. THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN. YOU NEED TO  
7 HAVE AN INTERNAL REVIEW ON YOUR CIVIL SERVICE WORK RULES AND  
8 ON YOUR WORK RULES THAT YOU HAVE. THIS COUNTY DIVERSIFIED HAS  
9 BEEN WORKING TO REFORM OUR CIVIL SERVICE, WHICH WE DID ON A  
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE, HAVE WORKED TO REFORM THE WORK RULES, WHICH WE  
11 HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER. THE STATE NEEDS TO FOCUS ON THE  
12 CIVIL SERVICE REFORMS NECESSARY SO YOU DON'T HAVE A SITUATION  
13 WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS GETTING A LOT MORE DOLLARS AND  
14 DELIVERING LESS SERVICE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
15 THEIR BUDGET IS INCREASING EVEN THOUGH YOUR PAROLES, I SHOULD  
16 SAY YOUR INCARCERATED PEOPLE ARE DECREASING. YOU NEED TO  
17 REFORM IN THOSE AREAS BECAUSE 80 PERCENT OF YOUR BUDGET IS  
18 PERSONNEL.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
21 MR. ANTONOVICH. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH JUST  
22 DELIVERED THE MESSAGE THAT HE DID WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
23 ASSEMBLY. HIS POSITION HASN'T CHANGED. [LAUGHTER.] SO, MR. PRO  
24 TEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S HISTORY WITH THE STATE  
25 LEGISLATURE PRECEDES YOUR BEING AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER, WHICH WAS



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1 PRECEDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S BEING A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY  
2 AND OBVIOUSLY MY BEING A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE SENATE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE STRUGGLE TO BALANCE THE  
7 DISCUSSION WITH THOSE WHO SEIZE THE MOMENT TO REMIND US THAT  
8 WE PROMULGATED BAD LAW. WE SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LAY IT AT  
9 YOUR FEET ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE STATE  
10 LEGISLATURE. AND IF YOU WOULD TAKE THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF IT  
11 WAS INTENDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WILL LEAVE HAVING  
12 FELT TREATED WELL.

13

14 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I HAVE A GREAT RESPECT FOR  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND ALL OF YOU. WE'VE DEBATED ON OTHER  
16 ISSUES AS WELL AND IT'S ALL PART OF THE DIALOGUE. LOOK IT,  
17 SOME OF WHAT THE SUPERVISOR SAID I AGREE WITH. THIS RECIDIVISM  
18 RATE AND SOME OF THOSE STATISTICS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. AND SO THE  
19 QUESTION IS: NOW WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THAT? I THINK-- I DON'T  
20 AGREE WITH ALL OF YOUR CRITICISMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 CORRECTIONS. I THINK SOME OF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE. WE HAVE  
22 TRIED ONE WAY FOR A NUMBER OF DECADES. WE HAVE DONE THREE  
23 STRIKES. WE'VE INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES. WE'VE EXPANDED  
24 PRISON CAPACITY. WE'VE EXPANDED JAIL CAPACITY. AND WHAT THOSE  
25 STRATEGIES DON'T ADDRESS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY



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1 INEVITABLY LEAVE? BECAUSE EXCEPT FOR THE LIFERS WITHOUT  
2 PATROL, MOST OF THEM LEAVE. AND I WONDER IN THOSE UNACCEPTABLE  
3 STATISTICS THAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED ABOUT THE RATES OF  
4 RECIDIVISM FOR BURGLARY AND FOR THEFT AND AUTO THEFT, WHAT  
5 PERCENTAGE OF THOSE CASES INVOLVE DRUGS AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH?  
6 AND WHAT I'M SAYING HERE IS THAT WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY,  
7 NOT TO BE SOFT ON ANYBODY, BUT TO DO WHAT IS SMART, TO ENSURE  
8 THAT WHEN PEOPLE LEAVE, THEY GET THE HELP THAT THEY NEED, AND,  
9 FRANKLY, BEFORE THEY LEAVE THEY NEED THE HELP. BUT AT LEAST  
10 ONCE THEY LEAVE, THEY GET THE HELP THEY NEED, THAT WRAP-AROUND  
11 THAT WE'VE DONE SUCCESSFULLY IN THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
12 AREA TO ENSURE THEY DON'T COME BACK. THE 678 NUMBER,  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE STATEWIDE RECIDIVISM RATE BEING  
14 BETWEEN 65 TO 70 PERCENT, THE 678 NUMBERS, THE RECIDIVISM RATE  
15 WAS REDUCED IN ABOUT HALF AND SAVED THE STATE AND THE COUNTIES  
16 TOGETHER OVER \$500 MILLION. SO THERE'S A BETTER AND SMARTER  
17 WAY THAT DOES NOT RELEASE PEOPLE WHO SHOULDN'T BE OUT ON THE  
18 STREETS EARLY BUT DEALS WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE  
19 OUT ON THE STREETS WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT IN A MORE  
20 EFFECTIVE WAY. AND THAT'S WHAT I HOPE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE  
21 TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE ASSEMBLYMAN BATES COAUTHORED MY  
2 LEGISLATION TO HAVE WORK TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE PRISONS, BUT  
3 YET THAT WAS OPPOSED BY LABOR. BUT WE NEED TO HAVE THOSE TYPES  
4 OF PROGRAMS FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED WHERE THEY  
5 LEARN SOME SKILLS SO WHEN THEY'RE OUT, THEY HAVE A SKILL FOR  
6 EMPLOYMENT.

7

8 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I AGREE WITH YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN, I  
11 PRESUME, ASSEMBLYMAN TOM BATES? TAKE THAT FOR HISTORICAL--

12

13 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** I'LL TELL MAYOR BATES AND HIS WIFE  
14 THAT THE SUPERVISOR SAID HELLO

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** -- COSIGNED THE POLICY, STRAIGHT  
17 OUT OF BERKELEY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I CAN, I THINK WHILE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS  
20 POINTED OUT SO MANY OF THE ILLS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR SOCIETY  
21 AND OUR COMMUNITY AND ARE TRYING TO MANAGE THEM, IT IS ONE OF  
22 THE TOUGHEST IS OF COURSE MENTAL HEALTH. AND OF COURSE THE  
23 CHALLENGES WE'VE HAD, I KNOW WHEN I WAS THERE, AS WELL, IS  
24 THAT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE THE KIND OF MECHANISM TODAY TO GET  
25 MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING THEMSELVES OUT IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY AND THE STREETS BECAUSE WE CAN'T KEEP THEM MEDICATED  
2 AND THEY NEED MEDICATION AND IN MANY INSTANCES REALLY NEED A  
3 KIND OF LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT THAT IS NOT PERMITTED, IT IS A  
4 CHALLENGE THAT I THINK HAS BEEN TOUGH. BUT EVERY SO OFTEN IT  
5 COMES CLOSE. HELEN THOMPSON'S BILL CAME VERY, VERY CLOSE AND  
6 THEN DIDN'T MAKE IT. WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE THAT ISSUE  
7 STUDIED. I THINK IT'S NOT A MATTER OF PARTISAN POLITICS; IT'S  
8 JUST A MATTER OF HOW CAN WE GET CLOSER TO IT. BUT I WANT YOU  
9 TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP YOU PROVIDED  
10 ON THIS. WE HAVE OUR CHALLENGES HERE AS YOU KNOW WITH OUR OWN  
11 JAIL FACILITIES AND SO ON AND TRYING TO MEET THOSE SAME GOALS  
12 OF EVERYTHING FROM EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND PREPARATION AND  
13 MENTAL HEALTH AND SO ON. AND AS YOU KNOW, IF WE WERE PERFECT  
14 WE WOULDN'T HAVE D.O.J. ON OUR BEHIND AT THIS VERY MOMENT. BUT  
15 AT THE SAME TIME, THE ISSUE IS HOW TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY. SO  
16 WE HOPE WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE WHILE WE ARE MANAGING WITH ALL  
17 OF THE ISSUES OF THE NON, NON, NONS, IT'S REALLY A STRUGGLE  
18 AND PASSING IT DOWN REALLY DOESN'T HELP US. HAVING BEEN IN  
19 THAT BOAT, I UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S EASIER. BUT HOPEFULLY WE HAVE  
20 A COOPERATION THAT GOES ON, BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
21 YOU'RE RIGHT, THESE FOLKS ARE COMING OUT EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND  
22 THE CHALLENGES IS THEY'RE COMING TO MANY MUCH US AND OUR  
23 COMMUNITIES THAT CREATE SECONDARY PROBLEMS. BUT I APPLAUD THE  
24 FACT THAT YOU'RE HERE VISITING WITH US. THIS VERY RARELY  
25 HAPPENS, IF EVER. AND SO THE THOUGHT THAT WE HAVE THIS KIND OF



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1 COMMUNICATION, HOPEFULLY IT'S A TWO-WAY, STREET. USUALLY WHEN  
2 WE GO UP TO SACRAMENTO, YOU GUYS RUN AWAY FROM US WHEN YOU SEE  
3 L.A. COMING.

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5 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** NOT ME.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVING BEEN THERE ON BOTH SIDES OF IT, I KNOW HOW  
8 EXACTLY HOW THAT WORKS, BECAUSE OUR NUMBERS ARE SO BIG AND OUR  
9 ASK SO HUGE THAT IT'S SCARY BY COMPARISON TO OTHER COUNTIES  
10 THAT OTHERS REPRESENT. BUT, REALLY, WE THANK YOU FOR THE KIND  
11 OF LEADERSHIP YOU'RE PROVIDING AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COME  
12 AND JOIN US IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT.

13

14 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND IN  
17 THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESENTATION AND THE REMARKS BY SUPERVISOR  
18 MOLINA, THE MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS ACT OF 2013, AUTHORED BY  
19 SENATOR STEINBERG, AND IT'S BEEN ESSENTIALLY EXPLAINED IN SOME  
20 DETAIL PURSUANT TO THE COMMENTS OF OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OUR  
21 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH  
22 SERVICES AND THE COMMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, I  
23 THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE WERE TO DIRECT THE CHIEF  
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO  
25 CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND APPLY FOR FUNDS THROUGH THE MENTAL



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1 HEALTH WELLNESS ACT OF 2013, B.S.B. 82 IN ORDER TO SUPPORT LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH  
3 SERVICES FOR THE FOLLOWING POPULATIONS AND PERHAPS BEYOND:  
4 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, ADOLESCENTS IN TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH IN  
5 CRISIS. A.B.109 PROBATIONERS. VETERANS. PERSONS REQUIRING  
6 LINKAGE TO HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE-RELATED PROGRAMMING.  
7 WE'D ASK THAT THERE BE A REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS AND INCLUDE  
8 IN THE REPORT BACK A DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE  
9 STATE ADOPTS A FORMULA THAT FAIRLY DISTRIBUTES THESE S.B.81  
10 MONIES SO THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN TAKE FULL BENEFIT OF  
11 THAT EFFORT. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO INSTRUCTING THE  
12 C.E.O. TO PROCEED IN THAT MANNER? I SEE NO SUCH OBJECTIONS.  
13 THAT WILL THEN BE THE ORDER. AND WE WILL PROCEED TO PUBLIC  
14 COMMENT ON THE MATTER. AND MR. PRO TEM, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
15 LEADERSHIP, YOUR PRESENCE TODAY. WE UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE THE  
16 DESIGNATED HITTER TO MANAGE THE FLOOR FOR THE ASSEMBLY WHEN  
17 BILLS COME THERE AND FOR THE SENATE WHEN BILLS GO THERE.

18

19 **SENATOR DARREL STEINBERG:** ONLY ONE HOUSE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN YOU WERE IN EACH HOUSE. WE  
22 REMEMBER VIVIDLY THE LONG LINE OF PEOPLE WANTED YOU TO MANAGE  
23 THEIR BILLS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.  
24 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE HONORABLE DARREL STEINBERG.

25 [APPLAUSE.] THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT AT



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1 THIS POINT IN TIME ARE 12 PERSONS, WE WISH TO MOVE THROUGH  
2 ACCORDING. NYABINGI KUTI. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ERIC PREVEN.  
3 ARNOLD SACHS. MARY SUTTON. DIANA ZUNIGA. TAINA VARGAS-EDMOND.  
4 BOBBY COOPER. PETER ELIASBERG. JOHN WALSH. JOE PAUL. AND  
5 FINALLY JEAN FRANKLIN. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AND BE HEARD.  
6 MR. PREVEN, WE SEE THAT YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR SEAT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I'D LIKE TO THANK SENATOR STEINBERG FOR  
9 COMING DOWN TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND MAKING THAT INFORMATIVE  
10 PRESENTATION. AND I THINK IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT WE ARE HAVING  
11 THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OF COURSE  
12 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ARE CO-FACING SOME SERIOUS ISSUES  
13 REGARDING INCARCERATION AND IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARDS TO THE  
14 MENTALLY ILL. AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THIS  
15 DIALOGUE CONTINUE. I'M SORRY, GO AHEAD, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SOMEONE'S BEHIND YOU. PLEASE  
18 SPEAK. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE QUESTION OF WHAT WE CAN DO COLLECTIVELY TO  
21 REDUCE RECIDIVISM IS, I KNOW, THE FOCUS OF THIS BOARD. AND IT  
22 WAS NICE TO SEE THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALSO CAME DOWN  
23 TODAY BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT  
24 OPPORTUNITY FOR A PARADIGM SHIFT. ARE WE GOING FOR ONE MINUTE



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1 TODAY, IS THAT WHAT'S HAPPENING? WELL, THAT'S IT THEN, I CAN'T  
2 MAKE A COMMENT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU WILL  
5 HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. DR. CLAVREUL, PLEASE.

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
8 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL IT'S VERY NICE TO HEAR PEOPLE  
9 WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO WHEN IT  
10 COMES TO JAIL ALSO IS TO PROVIDE MAYBE CARE WHEN THEY ARE  
11 ALREADY INSIDE OF THE JAIL WHERE THEY CAN MAYBE BE BETTER  
12 PREPARED WHEN THEY GO OUT. I HAVE NOT SEEN A LOT OF ACCESS  
13 WITH THAT BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO DO  
14 THAT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **NYABINGI KUTI:** MY NAME'S NYABINGI KUTI. I AM EXECUTIVE  
17 DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES REINTEGRATION COUNCIL. AND I  
18 WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE POINT THAT WHAT WOULD WE BE DOING  
19 HERE IF A.B.109 IF THE COURTS HAD NOT INTERVENED IN THE PRISON  
20 OVERCROWDING? HELLO, EVERYBODY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE GO.

23

24 **NYABINGI KUTI:** WOULD THERE BE ANY ATTENTION PAID TO THE PRISON  
25 OVERCROWDING IF THE COURT HAD NOT STEPPED IN AND SAID ENOUGH



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1 IS ENOUGH? BECAUSE THE L.A. COUNTY HAS CONTRIBUTED  
2 SIGNIFICANTLY TO THAT OVERCROWDING. SO I THINK THAT WHEN WE  
3 TALK ABOUT THE TRANSFERS, THAT'S PART OF THE SAME PROBLEM OF  
4 CONTINUING TO INCARCERATE AS OPPOSED TO LOOKING AT COMMUNITY  
5 ALTERNATIVES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH MASS  
6 INCARCERATION. SO I HOPE THAT THE BOARD TAKES A LESSON FROM  
7 WHAT THE SENATOR HAS ATTEMPTED TO DO WITH THE STATE. AND I  
8 DON'T THINK THAT THE EXTENSION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COURTS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **NYABINGI KUTI:** SO I HOPE WE HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THAT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
15 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

16

17 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I'M REPRESENTING  
18 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE APPLAUD SENATOR  
19 STEINBERG FOR PUSHING AGAINST THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN AND FOR  
20 FOCUSING FUNDING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY DEALING WITH MENTAL  
21 HEALTH ISSUES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO URGE HIM, THE CALIFORNIA  
22 ADMINISTRATION, THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FOCUS  
23 ON ALTERNATIVES THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TODAY. CALIFORNIA CAN  
24 SAFELY REDUCE THE POPULATION BY EXPANDING GOOD TIME CREDIT,  
25 CREATING AN ELDER PRISONER PAROLE PROGRAM WHICH 15 OTHER



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1 STATES HAVE DONE, UTILIZING MEDICAL PAROLE, ALTERNATIVE  
2 CUSTODY PROGRAM AND LETTING OUT PROP 36 ELIGIBLE STRIKERS  
3 WHICH HASN'T BEEN COMPLETED. SECRETARY JEFFREY BEARD, EXPERT  
4 JIM AUSTIN AND THE COURT HAVE SAID WE CAN EXPAND GOOD TIME  
5 CREDIT WITHOUT ANY IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY. SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH HAD SOME GOOD POINTS, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK  
7 INTERNALLY INSTEAD OF JUST POINTING FINGERS. WE STILL SEND THE  
8 MOST PRISONERS TO THE STATE, SO WE ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT DOING  
9 SOMETHING-- WE ARE OBVIOUSLY DOING SOMETHING WRONG DOWN HERE.  
10 WE WOULD LIKE THESE STRATEGIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED. THE MONEY  
11 THAT STEINBERG IS SETTING ASIDE FOR L.A. COUNTY TO BE USED FOR  
12 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, NOT JAIL CONSTRUCTION OR A  
13 MENTAL HEALTH JAIL. AND FOR THE STATE TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION  
14 OF PRISONS RESULTING IN THE SPENDING OF \$810 MILLION.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

17

18 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **TAINA VARGAS-EDMOND:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TAINA VARGAS-  
23 EDMOND. I'M REPRESENTING DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, BUT MORE SO  
24 THE WIFE OF A CURRENT CALIFORNIA PRISONER WHO HAS RECEIVED  
25 NOTICE THAT HE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SHIPPED OUT OF STATE SHOULD



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1 THE SUPREME COURT FAIL TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH STEINBERG'S  
2 COMPROMISE REQUEST. THAT BEING SAID, I'VE HEARD A LOT OF  
3 DISCUSSION TODAY ABOUT PRISONERS, AND I HONEST FEEL LIKE  
4 THEY'RE BEING DISCUSSED AS ANIMALS, AS IF THEY ARE RELEASED  
5 AND THEY ARE ALL VIOLENT AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD BE  
6 SEVERELY THREATENED, BUT AS DIANA JUST ALLUDED TO, THERE HAVE  
7 BEEN SEVERAL STUDIES TO SHOW THAT THEY WILL NOT BE A THREAT TO  
8 PUBLIC SAFETY. AND WHILE WE ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH. LET'S ALSO  
9 ADDRESS POVERTY. LET'S ALSO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT IF WE DO  
10 HAVE JOB CREATION PROGRAMS, JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS IN PRISON,  
11 THEN WHEN PRISONERS GET OUT OF JAIL, THEY DON'T HAVE JOBS.  
12 THEY HAVE TO CHECK THE BOX AND SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED  
13 MUCH SOME CRIME AND THAT IS WHAT CONTINUES RECIDIVISM THAT IS  
14 WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE COMING BACK TO PRISON. WE NEED TO COME UP  
15 WITH REAL SOLUTIONS. ALL I ASK IS THAT IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS  
16 YOU REMEMBER THE DIGNITY AND HUMANITY OF THE PRISONERS. THANK  
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
20 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND  
21 GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE RULES WHICH PRECLUDE CLAPPING IN THE  
22 BOARDROOM. WE INSTRUCT YOU JUST TO RAISE THE ROOF AS A SIGN OF  
23 YOUR AFFIRMATION. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

24



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1 **BOBBY COOPER:** YES, MY NAME IS BOBBY COOPER. I'M A CLASSIC  
2 EXAMPLE WITH REGARDS TO S-4 ON MENTAL HEALTH AND INCARCERATION  
3 WITH PRISONERS. I'M IN A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY ON THE MENTAL  
4 HEALTH SIDE NOW. I WAS REMOVED FROM A MEDICAL HOSPITAL. I'M  
5 JUST SHOWING YOU THE WASTE OF GOING TO THE FIRST HOSPITAL THAT  
6 I WAS IN WAS WHAT IS THAT, TEMPLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL? I WAS  
7 TAKEN FROM THERE AND PUT INTO A MENTAL INSTITUTION. I WAS  
8 TAKEN, REMOVED FROM CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, WHAT IS THAT MEDI-CAL  
9 FRAUD, PUT INTO A MENTAL INSTITUTION, BRIAR OAKS, PLACED IN A  
10 MENTAL INSTITUTION. ENCINO HOSPITAL, PLACED IN A MENTAL  
11 INSTITUTION. DRYERS, ENCINO, SHERMAN OAKS HOSPITAL PLACED IN A  
12 MENTAL INSTITUTION. BELLFLOWER, PLACED IN A MENTAL  
13 INSTITUTION. WHAT IS THAT, HOLLYWOOD PEDESTRIAN HOSPITAL? DO I  
14 LOOK LIKE A MENTAL PATIENT TO YOU? THIS IS A WASTE OF TAXPAYER  
15 MONEY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
18 TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **JOE PAUL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE PAUL. I'M THE DIRECTOR  
21 OF POLITICAL AND CIVIC AFFAIRS WITH THE HONORABLE BISHOP NOEL  
22 JONES AT THE CITY OF REFUGE CHURCH. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING  
23 THAT WAS SAID BY THE PRO TEM STEINBERG, BUT I ALSO WOULD BEG  
24 TO INCLUDE THE FAITH COMMUNITY, CHURCHES AND OTHERS THAT DEAL  
25 WITH THE FAITH OF INDIVIDUALS AS A PART OF THIS EVIDENCE-BASED



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1 CONSIDERATION FOR REINTEGRATION AND SERVICES IN CUSTODY FOR  
2 THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING TO BE RELEASED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE  
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. LADIES AND/OR GENTLEMEN.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. ONE  
8 OF THE WAYS, WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT RECIDIVISM, REDUCE  
9 RECIDIVISM, DON'T LOCK PEOPLE UP IN THE FIRST PLACE. YOU HAVE  
10 TO HAVE A JOB. BUT HERE'S THE A PROBLEM. THE AEROSPACE  
11 INDUSTRY LOST 60 PERCENT OF ITS POSITIONS IN THE LAST 15  
12 YEARS. HOW MANY MANUFACTURING JOBS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY  
13 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA? ALMOST ZERO. 2,000 BEDS FOR MENTAL  
14 HEALTH? \$60 MILLION TO HIRE 600 CASEWORKERS, THAT'S \$100,000 A  
15 WORKER. STEINBERG SAID OUTSTANDING RESULTS FOR THOSE ENROLLED  
16 IN FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS. HOW MANY ARE IN THE  
17 PROGRAMS, HOW MANY ARE IN THE PARTNERSHIP? STATE JAIL  
18 FACILITIES, 137 PERCENT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS IN THE  
19 ASSEMBLY OVER 30 YEARS. WHEN THE DISCUSSION OF THIS PROBLEM  
20 GOING ON FOR 30 YEARS, THE PUBLIC GETS ONE MINUTE. TOTAL  
21 SPENDING ON MEDICAL, DENTAL, MENTAL HEALTH. \$1.1 BILLION IN  
22 FISCAL YEAR 3, 4. \$2.3 BILLION FISCAL YEAR 2012. THANK YOU FOR  
23 THE ONE MINUTE SIR. BLESS YOU, BLESS YOU, BLESS YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. ALL RIGHT. YOU'LL HAVE  
2 ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. MA'AM?

3

4 **JEAN FRANKLIN:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
5 JEAN FRANKLIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED JOB CREATION  
6 COUNCIL. WE ARE OVER 100 FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED  
7 ORGANIZATIONS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY PASTOR, BISHOP NOEL  
8 JONES. BISHOP HAS BEEN REALLY INVOLVED IN A.B.109. WE ASK THAT  
9 YOU DO NOT VOTE ON SENDING INMATES FROM L.A. COUNTY TO TAFT  
10 COUNTY. BISHOP NOEL JONES IS HIGHLY INVOLVED. WE HAVE A NUMBER  
11 OF OUR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION THAT ARE HERE AT THE CITY  
12 OF REFUGE. WE ALSO CONNECT AT FAITHFUL CENTRAL UNDERSTANDS  
13 THIS. WEST ANGELES COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST AND  
14 OTHER CHURCHES. WE ARE AGAINST THIS MOVE OF SENDING EX INMATES  
15 TO TAFT COUNTY. ALSO REALIZE WE ARE IN FAVOR OF A.B.105. WE  
16 SUPPORT THAT INITIATIVE. THE CHURCHES HAVE COMMUNITY-BASED  
17 PROGRAMS. KEEP US CONNECTED IN BEING INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE.  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
21 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

22

23 **MARY SUTTON:** I'M MARY SUTTON. I'M REPRESENTING CALIFORNIANS  
24 UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, A STATEWIDE ALLIANCE OF OVER 50  
25 ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING PRISON AND JAIL EXPANSION ACROSS THE



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1 STATE. MR. ANTONOVICH, WHAT I WOULD SAY TO YOU, THE QUESTION  
2 IS WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE A.B.109 MONEY? I AM VERY  
3 APPRECIATIVE OF DARREL STEINBERG COMING TODAY AND PUSHING FOR  
4 DOLLARS TO COME DOWN TO THE COUNTIES TO BE SPENT ON MENTAL  
5 HEALTHCARE OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL POPULATION. YOU TALK ABOUT ALL  
6 WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WITH A.B.109 DOLLARS AND  
7 VERY SMALL TINY MINUTE AMOUNTS OF A.B.109 DOLLARS WHICH WILL  
8 HAVE 270 MILLION ALSO AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO INVEST IN MENTAL  
9 HEALTH COURTS, DRUG COURTS, REENTRY COURTS FOR WOMEN, THIS IS  
10 ALL AVAILABLE TO YOU NOW AND YOU HAVE NOT DONE IT. SO HE'S  
11 ASKED TO COOPERATE ON A STATEWIDE, THE COUNTY AND JAIL  
12 EXPANSION, STATE AND PRISON EXPANSION IS CONNECTED. YOU HAVE A  
13 RESPONSIBILITY TO INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY NOW. THESE ARE NOT  
14 NEW PEOPLE COMING HOME. THESE ARE PEOPLE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY.  
15 MR. POWERS TALKS ABOUT THE EXTRA WORK THE STATE MIGHT PUT UPON  
16 US. THESE ARE PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO INVEST  
17 IN SOCIAL SERVICES THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE AND NOT SEND  
18 THEM TO JAIL, INVEST IN THEIR EDUCATION. DON'T SEND THEM TO  
19 PRISON AND JAIL. THESE ARE OUR CHILDREN.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
22 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE A FINAL SPEAKER NOW.

23

24 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE A.C.L.U. WOULD LIKE TO  
25 THANK DARREL STEINBERG OR SENATOR STEINBERG FOR HIS WORK AND



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1 EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE MENTALLY ILL. HIS RECOGNITION OF THE  
2 FAILURE OF INCARCERATING MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IS INDIRECTLY A  
3 REPUDIATION OF THIS BOARD'S DECISION TO HIRE A CONSTRUCTION  
4 MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE  
5 MENTALLY ILL IN THE JAILS. MR. STEINBERG, SENATOR STEINBERG  
6 SAID THERE WILL BE MORE FUNDS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL COMING INTO  
7 THE COMMUNITY. YET VANIR'S REPORT SAYS WE NEED TO HAVE MORE  
8 BEDS TO INCARCERATE THE MENTALLY ILL BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE LESS  
9 MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. SO VANIR IS  
10 DIRECTLY-- WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS DIRECTLY REPUDIATED BY WHAT  
11 SENATOR STEINBERG SAYS AND I TRUST HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT AN THE  
12 MONEY THAT IS GOING TO BE COMING INTO THIS COMMUNITY. AND THE  
13 LAST THING IS, NOT ONLY DOES HE TALK ABOUT THE FAILURE OF  
14 INCARCERATING THE MENTALLY ILL. HE DOESN'T MENTION THE HIGH  
15 SUICIDE RATES IN THE JAIL. HE DOESN'T MENTION THE HIGH RATE OF  
16 SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE JAIL AND HIGH RATE OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE,  
17 WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE 1998 AND THE BOARD KNOWS ABOUT  
18 THAT. AND BUILDING MORE BEDS TO INCARCERATE THE MENTALLY ILL  
19 IS A GROSS FAILURE AND CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
22 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT THE BOARD HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY  
23 REPORTS FROM ANY CONSULTANTS. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO LEARN AS MUCH  
24 AS WE CAN ABOUT WHAT THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD BE. IT  
25 IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD THAT THE BOARD IS NOW MORE



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1 DIRECTLY INTERFACING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHO HAS  
2 RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT TREATMENT OF MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS WHO  
3 ARE INCARCERATED. AND SO THE LAST SPEAKER'S TESTIMONY MAY BE A  
4 BIT PREMATURE IF IT IS IN ANY WAY TO BE CONSTRUED AS THE BOARD  
5 HAVING MADE THE DETERMINATION. IT IS ONLY TO BE APPRECIATED  
6 THAT THE BOARD IS DOING ITS DUE DILIGENCE. THERE HAS BEEN NO  
7 VOTE ON VANIR OR ANY OTHER CONSULTANT AT THIS POINT. THE  
8 C.E.O.'S REPORTS HAVE COME FORWARD. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN  
9 ADOPTED. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS THAT IS DEFINED BY  
10 DELIBERATION. AND ALL INPUT TO THAT POINT IS WELCOME. ALL  
11 RIGHT. MR. WALSH AND MA'AM?

12

13 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG, GO  
14 THERE. I HAVE THE SOLUTION TO EVERYTHING. HOUSE EVERYBODY  
15 ALPHABETICALLY IN THE COUNTY. TAKE THEIR CELL BLOCK. DIVIDE IT  
16 INTO 26 CELL BLOCKS. IF YOU'RE AN ALCOHOLIC, IT'S ALCOHOLIC-  
17 RELATED CRIME. YOU WILL BE SHARING A CELL WITH AN ALCOHOLIC.  
18 IF IT'S A BURGLAR. THAT'S B, YOU WILL BE SHARING YOUR CELL  
19 WITH A BURGLAR. IF IT'S A LETTER P, YOU WILL BE SHARING YOUR  
20 CELL WITH A CORRUPT POLITICIAN, LIKE YOU. [LAUGHTER.] WE HAVE  
21 PROBLEMS. X. WHO GETS X? X-RAY MACHINE THIEVES. THEY WILL HAVE  
22 THEIR OWN PLACE. NOW, I'M LOOKING FOR Y, YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS.  
23 ANYONE UNDER 60, THEY WILL BE IN Y CELL BLOCK. I'M STILL  
24 LOOKING FOR A Z, CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME A CRIME WITH Z SO WE CAN



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1 DIVIDE EVERYTHING INTO 26 EQUAL GROUPS.

2 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. WALSH.

5 SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT WE SAW YOU BEFORE YOU GOT OUT OF THE

6 CAR ON THAT ONE, SIR, WHEN YOU TURNED THAT LEFT CORNER. THANK

7 YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **DEBORAH PURNELL:** YES, HI, I'M DEBORAH PURNELL. I'M FROM THE

10 KINGDOM OF GOD HEADQUARTERS AND CITY OF REFUGE AND I WANTED TO

11 AGREE WITH SENATOR STEINBERG WHEN HE DEALT WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

12 AS A PROBLEM FOR ALL CRIMINALS. BUT ON A MORE LOCAL LEVEL, I'M

13 HERE TO OPPOSE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS OUT OF LOS ANGELES

14 COUNTY, NOT WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY PROGRAMS RIGHT HERE WHERE

15 THE PRISONERS CAN GO FOR REHABILITATION, WHERE THEIR FAMILIES

16 CAN VISIT THEM, WHERE THEY CAN GET MORE LOCAL SUPPORT. THE

17 CHURCHES ARE TRYING TO ASSIST IN THAT MATTER. AND UNTIL YOU

18 EXHAUST ALL THE RESOURCES HERE, I HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU DON'T

19 SEND THE PRISONERS SOMEWHERE ELSE, WHICH JUST MAKES IT MORE

20 DIFFICULT FOR THEIR REHABILITATION. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR

23 TESTIMONY. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED AND

24 FILED THE PRESENTATION BY SENATOR STEINBERG, AND WE HAVE

25 INSTRUCTED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO RETURN IN A MATTER



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1 OF A FEW WEEKS WITH FURTHER CLARIFICATION AS TO HOW THE COUNTY  
2 OF LOS ANGELES CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT COULD BE  
3 APPROXIMATELY \$40 MILLION TO WORK ON ISSUES RELATED TO THOSE  
4 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL, SERVICES AND TREATMENT THAT THEY  
5 DESERVE. WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM NO. 6 AT THE REQUEST  
6 OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?  
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IF YOU WOULD STOP DISTRACTING  
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND.  
9 ITEM NO. 6 IS WHAT YOU REQUEST.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T GET THAT CHANCE VERY OFTEN.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHY I'M BREAKING IT UP.  
14 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE CALLING UP ITEM NO.  
17 6, IS THAT CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. WELL I'M GOING TO ASK LENNY  
18 BERNSTEIN TO COME UP AND JOIN ME AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL OVER  
19 AT OUR L.A. COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, MR. \_\_\_\_\_. OH, THEY'RE RIGHT  
20 BEHIND ME. PLEASE COME UP AND JOIN US. ANYWAY, IT'S HARD TO  
21 BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOW CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WHEN WE ALL STOOD  
22 THERE AT DISNEY HALL AND CUT OUR RIBBON. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT  
23 IS ALL THAT TIME HAS GONE BY. TODAY WE SEE THAT GUSTAVO  
24 DUDAMEL HAS BEGUN TO REALLY TRANSFORM ALL OF L.A. WITH A WHOLE  
25 NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG MUSICIANS. I REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO MEET EL SISTEMA'S FOUNDER, DR. ABRU, AND HE  
2 CAME HERE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND HE SAID TO US, YOU  
3 KNOW, THAT YOU START SMALL BUT YOU DREAM BIG. SO WE ARE STILL  
4 PURSUING THAT DREAM. AND SO I'M HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE  
5 I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT Y.O.L.A. IS DOING OUT THERE. RIGHT  
6 NOW GUSTAVO HAS REALLY ADVANCED THE Y.O.L.A. MUSICIANS TO A  
7 LEVEL THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE. IN FACT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING  
8 THEY'RE GOING TO BE PERFORMING THIS WEEKEND AT DISNEY HALL.  
9 AND OF COURSE ALL OF THESE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COME FROM  
10 ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF  
11 SOMETHING TREMENDOUSLY GREAT AND WE'RE HONORED TO DO THAT. BUT  
12 IT IS WHY I AM CONTRIBUTING \$350,000 THAT I'M DOING TO LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND FOR TO EXPAND THEIR  
14 WHOLE Y.O.L.A. PROGRAM WITHIN OUR COUNTY ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.  
15 WE'RE NOW GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THAT MANY MORE KIDS  
16 FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ARE GOING TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS  
17 PROGRAM, ARE GOING TO BE A PART OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY,  
18 I GUESS, BECOME THE GREAT FOLKS THAT WE WANT THEM TO BECOME.  
19 AND THROUGH THESE DOLLARS ARE BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE OTHER  
20 DOLLARS, WHICH I THINK ARE VERY POSITIVE. SO THE 350 MAY  
21 BECOME A MILLION DOLLARS IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WHICH  
22 IS GOOD TO KNOW. AND SO WE WANTED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
23 THEM TO COME AND TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT MORE  
24 IMPORTANTLY ALSO TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS AND TO THE PUBLIC TO  
25 LET THEM KNOW THAT WITH Y.O.L.A. AND THE L.A. COUNTY HIGH



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1 SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, THAT WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO  
2 CONTINUE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, AND SO I ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO  
3 DO SO. THERE IS A WHOLE FOUNDATION THAT IS PREPARED AND READY  
4 TO RECEIVE THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THEY WERE GOING TO LET YOU  
5 KNOW ALL ABOUT IT. SO, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN, GEORGE, IF YOU  
6 WOULD LIKE TO START.

7

8 **GEORGE SIMPSON:** GREAT, THANK YOU, MADAME SUPERVISOR. GEORGE  
9 SIMPSON, PRINCIPAL FOR THE L.A. COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE  
10 ARTS. FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL  
11 FOR THE ARTS HAS NURTURED THE TALENTS OF ASPIRING ARTISTS FROM  
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THAT SUCCESS  
13 HAS BEEN THE SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS. WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO NOW WITH THIS TREMENDOUS  
15 GIFT FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS BROADEN OUR REACH, BROADEN  
16 OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE ELEMENTS OF ARTS  
17 EDUCATION. AND SO WE'RE TREMENDOUSLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT.  
18 AND WE'RE SO LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR LAUNCH IN JANUARY 2014  
19 WHERE WE WILL ENROLL 80 STUDENTS FIVE DAYS A WEEK FOR  
20 INTENSIVE MUSICAL STUDY WHERE WE KNOW THAT SOCIAL  
21 TRANSFORMATION CAN OCCUR THROUGH THE ARTS. SO WE'RE  
22 TREMENDOUSLY EXCITED. IN 2015 WE WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL 80  
23 STUDENTS. AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL STUDENTS STUDENTS--  
24 ADDITIONAL 80 STUDENTS IN OUR THIRD YEAR. AND SO ONCE AGAIN  
25 I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES



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1 PHILHARMONIC, ONE OF THE AMAZING CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS HERE IN  
2 LOS ANGELES, THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ENTER OUR NEW INITIATIVE,  
3 Y.O.L.A. AND L.A.C.H.S.A. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR  
4 MOLINA. THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR  
5 TREMENDOUS SUPPORT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
8 MA'AM?

9

10 **LENNIE BORSTEN:** MY NAME IS LENNIE BORSTEN. I'M THE COMMUNITY  
11 AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION.  
12 AND JUST FOR ONE BIT OF CLARITY, THIS IS AN AFTER-SCHOOL  
13 PROGRAM. INTENSIVE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. SO AFTER THE HIGH  
14 SCHOOL KIDS HAVE GONE ON THEIR MERRY WAY OR MAY STAY ON TO  
15 WORK WITH THE KIDS FROM Y.O.L.A., WE'RE STARTING WITH FOURTH  
16 GRADERS FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY. IF L.A. PHIL'S YOUTH  
17 ORCHESTRA L.A. OR Y.O.L.A. INITIATIVE IS BUILT UPON GUSTAVO  
18 DUDAMEL'S VISION THAT MUSIC IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT FOR ALL.  
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S GRANT ALLOWS THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC IN  
20 PARTNERSHIP, IT IS A SHARED PROGRAM, TO EXPAND THIS INITIATIVE  
21 TO A THIRD SITE IN A WAY THAT ENSURES Y.O.L.A.'S  
22 SUSTAINABILITY AND GROWTH OVER TIME. ON BEHALF OF THE L.A.  
23 PHIL THANK YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING THIS  
24 EXPANSION TO SERVE MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. WE DO INVITE  
25 YOU TO HEAR THE CURRENT Y.O.L.A. STUDENTS FROM THE EXPO CENTER



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1 AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HARMONY PROJECT THERE AND FROM  
2 Y.O.L.A. AT HEART OF L.A. PERFORM SIDE BY SIDE FOR THE FIRST  
3 TIME ALSO CONDUCTED BY GUSTAVO DUDAMEL AND BROADCAST LIVE INTO  
4 GRAND PARK THIS SUNDAY AT 4 P.M. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
7 ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE MOTION AND I'D  
10 LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC IF THEY  
11 WANT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, THEY CAN DO SO AT THE  
12 L.A.C.H.S.A. FOUNDATION. THEY HAVE A PHONE NUMBER AND A  
13 WEBSITE THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM. BUT THESE ARE THE  
14 KINDS OF DOLLARS THAT CAN REALLY HELP IN A LONG WAY. IT'S  
15 UNFORTUNATE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PUBLIC DOLLARS IN MUSIC  
16 THAT WE DON'T SEE OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVING THE KIND OF  
17 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WHEN I WAS A KID, THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY  
18 TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT. BUT HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO START  
19 FILLING THAT GAP WITH THE KIND OF OUTREACH AND PROGRAM THAT WE  
20 HAVE WITH Y.O.L.A. AND L.A.C.H.S.A. DOING THE WORK TOGETHER.  
21 SO WE CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THE GREAT COLLABORATION.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
24 AND WE THANK THESE ARTS LEADERS AND THESE INSTRUCTIONAL  
25 LEADERS FOR THE WORK THEY'VE DONE AND EMBRACED BY THE ENTIRE



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1 BOARD. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH COLLABORATES AT THIS  
2 EXTRAORDINARY SCHOOL THAT FOCUSES ON THE ARTS. OTHER MEMBERS  
3 OF THE BOARD MADE THEIR COMMITMENTS IN TERMS OF THE ARTS MORE  
4 BROADLY DEFINED, THEREFORE I THINK YOU FEEL THE FULL EMBRACE  
5 OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS YOU MOVE FORWARD. WE  
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE TODAY. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE  
7 NEXT ITEM AT HAND. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A SET ITEM. IT'S ITEM--

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I'M SORRY, BUT ITEM NO. 6--

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

12 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTION.

13 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTION ON THE

14 MATTER BEFORE US PERTAINING TO THIS EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT WITH

15 RESPECT TO ARTS EDUCATION THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK

16 YOU. ITEM NO. S-2? WE'RE HEARING FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC

17 HEALTH.

18

19 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR, BOARD,

20 I'M HAPPY TO BE BEFORE YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH

21 IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE. I'M GOING TO GO

22 OVER THREE THING, BASICALLY, THE INITIATIVE ITSELF, OUR

23 CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE IMPACTS OF THE INITIATIVE.

24 WHAT WOULD IT DO? IT WOULD ESTABLISH A CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

25 TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE ALL PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS IN THE CITY



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1 OF LOS ANGELES. IT WOULD REQUIRE ALL THE COSTS OF THAT  
2 DEPARTMENT TO COME FROM CURRENT FEES COLLECTED AND PAID TO THE  
3 CITY AS A RESULT OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO ENFORCE THE PUBLIC  
4 HEALTH LAWS IN THE CITY. AND IT WOULD REQUIRE FUTURE HEALTH  
5 REVENUE FROM THE NEW DEPARTMENT TO BE GENERATED FROM THE  
6 COLLECTION OF FEES WHETHER THEY COME FROM LICENSE, PERMIT OR  
7 CERTIFICATION, BUT GENERATED BY CITY ENFORCEMENT. IT WOULD  
8 IMMEDIATELY-- AND I WANT TO STRESS THAT-- IMMEDIATELY PROHIBIT  
9 THE CITY FROM CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR  
10 ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS. AND, FINALLY, IT WOULD  
11 REQUIRE FOR THAT DEPARTMENT TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN 120 DAYS  
12 AFTER THE ORDINANCE IS ENACTED. BY WAY OF HISTORY, IT TOOK  
13 SEVERAL YEARS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY, BOTH OF WHOM HAD PUBLIC  
14 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, TO MERGE. IN FEBRUARY OF 1963, THE CITY  
15 NOTIFIED THE COUNTY THAT IT WOULD BE ABANDONING ITS CITY  
16 HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT. A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING CAME  
17 TOGETHER. THIS WAS THE RESULT OF SEVERAL YEARS OF WORK. AND  
18 LET ME POINT OUT THAT BOTH HAD FUNCTIONING, FAIRLY SIZABLE  
19 DEPARTMENTS AT THAT POINT. AND THIS CONTRACT HAS SERVED THE  
20 NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC WELL FOR THE PAST HALF A CENTURY. SO WHAT  
21 ARE OUR GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES? WELL THEY'RE QUITE BROAD.  
22 THERE ARE ABOUT 40 DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. AND WE'RE MANDATED TO  
23 DO MANY THINGS BY THE STATE, BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND BY  
24 YOUR BOARD. BUT THEY FIT INTO THREE GENERAL CATEGORIES. ONE IS  
25 TO PREVENT AND CONTROL DISEASES AND INJURIES. SECONDLY IS TO



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1 PROTECT HEALTH WITH MAKING SURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS LIVE IN  
2 SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS. AND THIRD, PROMOTING IMPROVED  
3 HEALTH AND REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY. BUT  
4 JOB NUMBER 1 FOR US: WE ARE BOTH A PUBLIC HEALTH AND A PUBLIC  
5 SAFETY AGENCY. SO WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS OUR JOB NUMBER 1,  
6 WHICH IS PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH. THAT MEANS WE HAVE EARLY  
7 WARNING SYSTEMS AND WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO FOLLOW UP  
8 WHEN THERE ARE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE A 24/7 DISEASE SURVEILLANCE  
9 SYSTEM. WE HAVE STATE-OF-THE-ART PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, OF  
10 WHICH WE CAN ALL BE PROUD. WE HAVE A ONE-OF-A-KIND  
11 PARTNERSHIPS WITH KEY PARTNERS SUCH AS THE F.B.I. WE HAVE  
12 BIOLOGICAL RADIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL TERRORISM PLANS, AND WE  
13 EXERCISE THEM BECAUSE EXERCISING THEM IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT  
14 THAN PUTTING THE PLAN TOGETHER, AND WE ARE VERY ACTIVE IN  
15 RESPONDING TO EMERGING INFECTIONS. WE ALSO ASSURE CONDITIONS  
16 IN WHICH PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK. WE DO HOUSING AND FOOD FACILITY  
17 INSPECTIONS. WE HAVE A CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION  
18 PROGRAM. AND OF COURSE WE LICENSE EVERY HOSPITAL AND EVERY  
19 LONG TERM CARE FACILITY IN L.A. COUNTY EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE  
20 RUN BY THE STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WHEN PEOPLE THINK  
21 ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH GENERALLY THEY'LL THINK ABOUT LETTER  
22 GRADING. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VISIBLE THINGS THAT WE DO,  
23 JUST A FEW TO MENTION. WE HAVE 14 PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS. WE  
24 PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR TUBERCULOSIS, FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED  
25 DISEASES. WE GIVE IMMUNIZATIONS AND WE TRIAGE FOR COMMUNICABLE



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1 DISEASE. EVERYBODY, I THINK, KNOWS THE LETTER GRADE ON  
2 RESTAURANTS AND NOW INCREASINGLY ON FOOD TRUCKS. ALSO WHEN YOU  
3 SEE THE CALORIE LABELS ON MENUS FOR CHAIN RESTAURANTS, THAT'S  
4 PART OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND SMOKE-FREE PARKS, BEACHES AND  
5 APARTMENTS, THOSE ALSO, AS WELL AS THE NICOTINE PATCHES,  
6 INFORMATION ON SEWAGE BILLS AND CAMPAIGNS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC  
7 HEALTH THROUGH SMOKING CESSATION, PREPAREDNESS, PORTION  
8 CONTROL WHICH WE'VE BEEN PUSHING RECENTLY WITH THE FEW SELF-  
9 L.A. RESTAURANTS AND S.T.D. HOME TEST KITS. BUT ACTUALLY IF  
10 YOU HAD TO PARTITION OUT THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU  
11 HAVE TO SAY MOST OF WHAT WE DO IS INVISIBLE. WE INVESTIGATE  
12 REPORTED DISEASES. WE MANAGE AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, WHICH IS  
13 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. EVEN SINGLE CASES IF WE HAVE  
14 MENINGOCOCCUS, IF WE HAVE A CASE OF POSSIBLE RABIES, IF WE  
15 HAVE PERTUSSIS IN A NEWBORN, THOSE ARE ALL THINGS WE'RE GOING  
16 TO INVESTIGATE VERY AGGRESSIVELY, EVEN A SINGLE CASE. WE  
17 INVESTIGATE CONSUMER COMPLAINTS. THEY CAN BE ABOUT ANIMAL  
18 INFESTATIONS OR FOOD. SOMEBODY HAD A HOUSING PROBLEM, NOISE  
19 PROBLEM. WE INSPECT RETAIL LOCATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE  
20 INCREASING NUMBER OF RECALLED ITEMS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE  
21 SHELVES IN A TIMELY MANNER. WE INSPECT FOR FOOD AND SAFETY  
22 HUNDREDS OF SCHOOL CAFETERIA. AND OF COURSE WE SUPPORT THE  
23 LIFESAVING MEDICAL CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO LITERALLY  
24 THOUSANDS OF LOW INCOME RESIDENTS LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND  
25 A.I.D.S. AND WE ALSO DO OCEAN WATER TESTING, SMOKE FREE



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1 BEACHES, ET CETERA. SO WHAT NOW, LET ME TURN TO THE IMPACTS OF  
2 THE INITIATIVE. I'M GOING THE DIVIDE THEM INTO THESE FOUR  
3 CATEGORIES. IMMEDIATELY THIS INITIATIVE PASSED WOULD TERMINATE  
4 THE 1964 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY WHICH  
5 TRANSFERRED THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES TO US. IT WOULD  
6 REQUIRE THE CITY TO CREATE A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
7 WITHIN 120 DAYS AND IT WOULD PROHIBIT ANY FUTURE CONTRACTS  
8 WITH THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS IN THE CITY. SO,  
9 AS A RESULT, THERE WOULD BE AN IMMEDIATE GAP IN THE PROVISION  
10 OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AN IMMEDIATE GAP IN PUBLIC HEALTH  
11 PROTECTION BECAUSE IT IMMEDIATELY WOULD TERMINATE THE  
12 CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. 120 DAYS IN OUR  
13 VIEW IS CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICIENT TO CREATE A FULLY FUNCTIONAL  
14 OPERATIONAL DEPARTMENT. THE CITY C.A.O. FROM WHOM YOU'LL HEAR  
15 HAS ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO ESTABLISH A NEW  
16 DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THAT THAT MAY BE EVEN A BIT OPTIMISTIC  
17 GIVEN THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE EXPERTISE THAT ONE NEEDS IN A  
18 HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NOT EASY TO FIND IN THE AREA OR EVEN  
19 NATIONALLY IF YOU LOOK AT EPIDEMIOLOGISTS WHO HAVE GOOD  
20 TRAINING AND A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WHO ARE LABORATORIANS, THEY  
21 ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND AS WELL AS PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND  
22 THE ECONOMICS OF PUBLIC HEALTH. PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS JUST  
23 WON'T WAIT 120 DAYS. AND DISEASE, OF COURSE, DOES NOT STOP AT  
24 THE CITY BORDERS. SO DIVIDING THESE RESPONSIBILITIES IN OUR  
25 VIEW, WOULD COMPROMISE WHAT WE CAN DO TO, IN FACT, RESPOND TO



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1 URGENT PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS LIKE BIOTERRORISM, LIKE  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS, NATURAL PROBLEMS OR INFECTIOUS  
3 DISEASES. AND SO BECAUSE OF THE PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING,  
4 IT'S NOT JUST A SHORT-TERM ISSUE AND A GAP IN PUBLIC HEALTH  
5 PROTECTION, THERE IS A CONTINUING LONG TERM GAP BECAUSE OF OUR  
6 INABILITY TO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY-- CITY TO CONTRACT WITH  
7 THE COUNTY. IT'S LIKELY THAT DUAL DISEASE CONTROL AND  
8 SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS NO MATTER HOW GOOD THEY ARE WOULD REQUIRE  
9 INCREASED PUBLIC RESOURCES, IT WOULD CERTAINLY COMPLICATE  
10 SURVEILLANCE, IT WOULD COMPLICATE PLANNING AND OUR EFFORTS TO  
11 TRY AND CONTROL THESE MANY DISEASES AND FORMS OF INJURY. AND  
12 JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, FRAGMENTED REPORTING SYSTEMS FOR  
13 REPORTABLE DISEASE COULD DELAY IDENTIFICATION. IF THEY ONLY  
14 SEE A COUPLE OF CASES IN ONE JURISDICTION, THE REST OF THE  
15 CASES ARE IN ANOTHER, HOW DO YOU KNOW, IN FACT, WHETHER YOU'RE  
16 GETTING TOGETHER? WE NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO THESE, AND WE  
17 NEED TO HAVE A 24/ 7 COORDINATION. AND HAVING TWO GROUPS TO DO  
18 THIS AND TRYING TO COORDINATE 24/7 WOULD INCREASE OUR COSTS  
19 AND INCREASE LOGISTIC DIFFICULTY AND LIKELY LEAD TO SOME  
20 DELAYS. IT WOULD ALSO, IN TERMS OF SERVICE DELIVERY, REDUCE  
21 OUR ABILITY TO MITIGATE PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTERS, TO RESPOND TO  
22 EMERGENCIES, TO REDUCE CHRONIC DISEASE AND TO REDUCE  
23 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE LIKE WEST NILE  
24 TO ABATE THE GROWING NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS  
25 AND TO INFORM CONSUMERS. THERE'S NOT TWO MEDIA MARKETS IN L.A.



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1 COUNTY. THERE IS ONE MEDIA MARKET. IT IS NOT DIVIDED BY CITY  
2 AND COUNTY. SO THIS ISSUE OF HOW YOU COMMUNICATE INFORMATION,  
3 AND IF YOU WOULD HAVE JUST HAD IT FOR THE CITY, OR JUST HAD IT  
4 FOR THE COUNTY, WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN IN TERMS OF HOW YOU USE  
5 THE MEDIA AND WHETHER PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED IF THEY'RE HEARING  
6 DIFFERENT THINGS FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE. BUT BECAUSE  
7 UNFORTUNATELY WE CONTRACT NOW WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, IF WE  
8 CAN'T CONTRACT WITH THE CITY, COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC HEALTH WILL  
9 BE UNFORTUNATELY REDUCED. THE CITIES OF LONG BEACH AND  
10 PASADENA, A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. THEY HAVE FORMAL  
11 ONGOING CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY. THAT SUPPORTS THE  
12 MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION AND OUR HEALTH  
13 PROMOTION ISSUES. THESE COUNTY CONTRACTS PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH  
14 FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE CITIES.  
15 AND GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. WE SUPPORT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND  
16 RESPONSE THROUGH CONTRACTS, CHRONIC DISEASE CONTROL, MATERNAL  
17 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS.  
18 FURTHER, COMPARED TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LONG BEACH AND  
19 PASADENA ARE RELATIVELY SMALL. THEY HAVE COMPACT GEOGRAPHIES.  
20 THEY DON'T INTERFACE THROUGHOUT THEIR TOTAL GEOGRAPHY AS THE  
21 CITY AND THE COUNTY DO. AND THESE CITIES OFFER A SMALLER SET  
22 OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THAN THE COUNTY, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE  
23 CERTAINLY CRUCIAL PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING IMPORTANT PUBLIC  
24 HEALTH ISSUES IN THE REGION. NOW LET ME TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE  
25 ECONOMIC IMPACT. TO HAVE AN EQUIVALENT LEVEL, SORRY. LET ME



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1 GET THIS HERE. TO PROVIDE AN EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF SERVICE, THE  
2 CITY HAS ESTIMATED AN ANNUAL OPERATING COST OF \$333 MILLION,  
3 THAT'S EXCLUDING STARTUP COSTS. WE TOOK A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT  
4 APPROACH. WE WERE VERY, VERY CONSERVATIVE AND SAID WELL JUST  
5 MINIMUM SERVICES, NOT INCLUDING THE FEE-BASED SERVICES, WHAT  
6 MIGHT IT COST? AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT WOULD EXCEED \$50  
7 MILLION. SO DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES. THESE ARE PROBABLY THE  
8 BOOKENDS OF REASONABLE ESTIMATES, BUT IT'S CERTAINLY GOING TO  
9 BE SUBSTANTIAL. AND WHAT'S VERY CLEAR IS THAT THE FEES  
10 COLLECTED IN THE CITY FALL VERY SHORT OF THESE ESTIMATES, AND  
11 BY LAW CAN ONLY BE USED TO RECOVER THE COST OF PROVIDING THE  
12 SERVICES. SO YOUR BOARD WILL NOT ALLOW US IN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 HEALTH BECAUSE OF THE LAW TO SPEND MONEY IN ENVIRONMENTAL  
14 HEALTH THAT WOULD GO FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND INCREASE THE FEES  
15 ACCORDINGLY. THEY HAVE TO BE RELATED TO, IN FACT, A REGULATORY  
16 FUNCTION AND CANNOT EXCEED IT. SO IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT FEES  
17 ALONE WILL NOT COVER THE CITY'S COST AND WILL NOT PAY FOR AN  
18 ENTIRE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ALSO THE COUNTY CAN'T  
19 PROVIDE FOR THE PORTION OF FUNDS THAT IT WOULD NORMALLY GIVE  
20 TO L.A. CITY TOO THEN BECAUSE OF THE PROHIBITION ON  
21 CONTRACTING. AND IN MANY OF THOSE CASES MONEY COULD NOT GO  
22 DIRECTLY TO THE CITY. NOW ON THE POSITIVE SIDE FOR THE COUNTY,  
23 THE COUNTY COULD SAVE MONEY AND THAT COULD BE REALLOCATED TO  
24 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY OR BASED ON YOUR BOARD'S DECISION TO  
25 BE USED TO MEET OTHER COUNTY NEEDS. BUT TO PROVIDE THE



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1 EXISTING RANGE OF COUNTY SERVICES, THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO  
2 INCREASE FEES, ASSESSMENTS OR TAXES OR REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM  
3 OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR PROGRAMS. WHAT ABOUT THE IMPACT ON  
4 WORKFORCE? WE ESTIMATE THAT THE LOSSES IN COUNTY FEE RECOVERY  
5 WITHIN GRANTS WOULD BE OVER \$100 MILLION A YEAR. AND WE HAVE  
6 VARIOUS ESTIMATES, BUT IN THE RANGE OF 960 COUNTY POSITIONS  
7 COULD BE ELIMINATED AND THAT WOULD LEAD ON OUR PART TO REDUCED  
8 EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTISE. WHEN  
9 YOU HAVE A CASCADE AND YOU HAVE PEOPLE GOING BACK INTO JOBS  
10 THEY HAD 10, 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN THOSE JOBS HAVE CHANGED, THE  
11 EXPERTISE MAY HAVE CHANGED, THE NEED TO BE UP-TO-DATE, THE  
12 PEOPLE GOING IN MAY NOT, IN FACT, HAVE THE TRAINING FOR THAT  
13 EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE GOOD IN THEIR CURRENT JOB. SO I'M VERY  
14 CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT OF THAT WOULD BE ON OUR  
15 EXPERTISE IN KEY AREAS. THERE IS ALSO NO GUARANTEE THAT THOSE  
16 INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE HIRED BY THE CITY. AND IF THERE WERE NO  
17 GUARANTEE THAT THERE WOULD BE EQUIVALENT SALARIES OR BENEFITS  
18 OR SENIORITY. AND OF COURSE THERE'S ALSO THE TIMING ISSUE.  
19 CASCADES DON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. THIS TAKES A LONG TIME  
20 WORKING WITH THE UNIONS AND CIVIL SERVICE SO IT'S UNCLEAR HOW  
21 LONG THIS WOULD TAKE, BUT IT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAPPEN VERY  
22 QUICKLY. OVERALL, I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE  
23 SIGNIFICANT CONFUSION. WHERE DO YOU GO WITH COMPLAINTS? DO YOU  
24 GO TO A DIFFERENT PLACE IF YOU'RE IN THE CITY VERSUS THE  
25 COUNTY? WHERE DO YOU GO FOR INFORMATION? WHERE DO YOU GO IF



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1 YOU WANT TO GET A BIRTH RECORD? FOR CLINICIANS, IF THEY HAVE  
2 OFFICES SEVERAL PLACES, DO THEY REPORT IN SOME CASES TO THE  
3 COUNTY IN OTHER CASES TO THE CITY? WHAT ABOUT IF THEY'RE  
4 REPORTING UNIFORM? WHAT ABOUT GUIDANCE ON OUTBREAKS? ARE THEY  
5 HEARING SOMETHING FROM THE CITY, SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM THE  
6 COUNTY? AND WHAT HAPPENS TO COUNTY-WIDE COLLABORATORS AND  
7 INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONTRACTORS THAT ARE WORKING  
8 WITHIN THE CITY? ARE THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS OR NOT? FOR  
9 REGULATED INDUSTRIES THAT OPERATE IN BOTH THE CITY AND THE  
10 COUNTY, WILL THERE BE DIFFERENT FEES? ARE THERE DIFFERENT  
11 STANDARDS? ARE THERE DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS? WHAT LEVEL OF  
12 UNCERTAINTY ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE? WHAT ABOUT INSPECTION TIME  
13 TABLES? WHAT ABOUT GRADING? AND IN THE MEDIA, AS I'VE  
14 INDICATED BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY ONE MEDIA MARKET, WHO IS THE  
15 VOICE OF AUTHORITY? WHAT IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY  
16 HEALTH OFFICER AND THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AREN'T  
17 COINCIDENT? AND THEY'RE GOING TO CREATE HIGH LEVELS OF  
18 CONFUSION, UNFORTUNATELY, IN THE MINDS OF THE PUBLIC AT A  
19 CRITICAL TIME. SO IN SUMMARY, THE IMPACTS ARE A THREAT TO THE  
20 PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND A GAP OF UNKNOWN TIME BUT CERTAINLY BOTH  
21 IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM EFFECTS, A FRACTURED RESPONSE TO MANY  
22 URGENT PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS, A DUPLICATION OF SERVICES WHICH  
23 COULD LIKELY IMPACT QUALITY, REDUCED EFFICIENCY AND INCREASED  
24 COST TO RESIDENTS AND TO THE INDUSTRIES THAT WE REGULATE. SO  
25 CONFUSION ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO



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1 SOLVE, AS WELL. SOME OF THE CONSTRAINTS AND AMBIGUITIES OF 120  
2 DAY TIME HORIZON, IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE. YOU HAVE TO  
3 TALK ABOUT PUTTING TOGETHER AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART. YOU HAVE  
4 TO THEN HAVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS. YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL  
5 KINDS OF EFFORTS TO TRY AND THEN RECRUIT. I SEE TRYING TO DO  
6 THAT IN FOUR MONTHS AS NIGH ON IMPOSSIBLE BUT WE CAN HEAR FROM  
7 THE CITY ABOUT THAT. THE FEE UTILIZATION PLAN IS UNCLEAR. AND  
8 AS WE READ IT, THERE IS NO PRECLUSION OF RAISING TAXES OR  
9 SECURING ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY  
10 BUDGET. SO IT TALKS ABOUT ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS  
11 BUT THERE ARE OTHER ACTIVITIES IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED AND  
12 WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT. HOW THE CITY WOULD IN FACT FUND  
13 THOSE IS UNCLEAR. AND THEN FINALLY THE PROHIBITION ON  
14 CONTRACTS, DOES THAT EXTEND TO ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN L.A. CITY?  
15 IS IT JUST THE CITY? IS THAT GOING TO BE FOREVER? I GUESS WITH  
16 AN INITIATIVE, ONE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER INITIATIVE IF  
17 YOU WANTED TO CHANGE THAT. SO WITH THAT I CONCLUDE MY  
18 PRESENTATION. I APPRECIATE YOUR INDULGENCE AND I'D BE HAPPY TO  
19 ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR.  
22 FIELDING. WE'LL ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.  
23 I THINK WE SHOULD DISPOSE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS WE'RE  
24 GOING TO ASK THEM TO COME IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER. MIGUEL



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1 SANTANA, IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD AND BE HEARD. REPRESENTING  
2 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SIR, WELCOME.

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4 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK AFTER  
5 FOUR YEARS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
6 TO EXPRESS THE CITY'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS INITIATIVE FOR  
7 MANY OF THE REASONS THAT WERE JUST DICTATED BY YOUR DIRECTOR  
8 OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SPECIFICALLY WE'RE CONCERNED THAT THIS  
9 INITIATIVE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT, PARTICULARLY AROUND THE  
10 TIME FRAME THAT'S BEEN OUTLINED. 120 DAYS IS SIMPLY  
11 UNREALISTIC AND IMPOSSIBLE. THERE HAS BEEN SOME INDICATION  
12 THAT WE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO YOU BY  
13 THE ADVOCATES OF THE INITIATIVE INDICATING THAT THERE'S SOME  
14 FLEXIBILITY AROUND THE TIMING ISSUE AND IT'S ON THE ADVICE OF  
15 THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY HAS NO ABILITY TO AMEND OR TO  
16 ADJUST OR TO EVEN CLARIFY ANY ASPECT OF THE INITIATIVE ITSELF.  
17 SO THE 120 DAYS AS ESTABLISHED IN THE INITIATIVE IS, IN FACT,  
18 WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED. IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT SOON AFTER THE  
19 ENACTMENT OF THIS INITIATIVE, THE CITY WILL BE VERY LIKELY TO  
20 BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH IT FOR BEING UNABLE TO ACTUALLY  
21 IMPLEMENT IT. THE CITY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF THIS  
22 INITIATIVE. YOU KNOW, YOU'VE HEARD TWO DIFFERENT RANGES IN  
23 TERMS OF WHAT ULTIMATELY WOULD BE. THE TRUTH IS WE REALLY  
24 DON'T KNOW. UNTIL WE HAVE A REAL SENSE OF WHAT SPECIFIC  
25 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, THE SCOPE



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1 OF THOSE SERVICES AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE SERVICES THAT GO  
2 TO OUR RESIDENTS, WE WON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY THE ACTUAL  
3 AMOUNT. BUT WE ESTIMATE IT TO BE CLOSE TO \$333 MILLION. UPON  
4 LOOKING AT OTHER JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY, THERE ARE  
5 NO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT WE KNOW OF THAT ARE 100  
6 PERCENT SELF-SUFFICIENT BASED ON FEES ALONE. THAT MEANS THAT  
7 THERE WOULD BE A DIRECT IMPACT TO THE GENERAL FUND IF WE WERE  
8 TO OPT TO PROVIDE THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE AS YOU CURRENTLY  
9 DO. AND AS YOU'VE ALL READ IN THE NEWSPAPER, THE CITY IS STILL  
10 UNDER FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS. WE'RE PROJECTING FOR NEXT YEAR A  
11 DEFICIT RANGING BETWEEN 150 MILLION TO \$250 MILLION, AND  
12 OUTGOING DEFICITS FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED  
13 ABOUT THE IMPACT IT HAS ON PUBLIC HEALTH. PUBLIC HEALTH  
14 DOESN'T END AND BEGIN AT THE BORDERS OF THE CITY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES. DISEASES CARRY BEYOND THOSE BORDERS. AND CERTAINLY  
16 HAVING ONE COORDINATED HOLISTIC STRATEGY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY  
17 IS SOMETHING THAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE. SO IT'S FOR THOSE  
18 REASONS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS TAKEN AN OFFICIAL POSITION  
19 AGAINST THE INITIATIVE. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE REQUIRED BY OUR  
20 CHARTER TO PLACE THE MATTER BEFORE THE VOTERS. WE WILL BE  
21 DOING SO AT A COST OF ABOUT \$4.6 MILLION TO THE CITY. AND OUR  
22 WORKS TO IMPLEMENT THE INITIATIVE WON'T START UNTIL THE VOTERS  
23 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ACTION ON THAT. WITH THAT, I'LL BE  
24 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
2 TESTIMONY. WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW WITH THE BALANCE OF THE  
3 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. BOBBY  
4 COOPER, ARNOLD SACHS. DAVID ENGLIN. JAIME GARCIA.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CHAIRMAN. STAFF IS GOING TO REMAIN HERE?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN TO--

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN SIT OVER HERE IF YOU WANT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** -- ANSWER QUESTIONS OF THE  
13 BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL RESERVE MY QUESTIONS UNTIL AFTER THE  
16 THE PUBLIC HEARING BUT I JUST DIDN'T WANT THEM TO LEAVE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, FINE. THANK YOU. SIR,  
19 YOU MAY PROCEED.

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21 **DAVID ENGLIN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
22 I'M DAVID ENGLIN, HERE ON BEHALF OF BIZFED, THE LOS ANGELES  
23 BUSINESS FEDERATION, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 110 BUSINESS  
24 ORGANIZATIONS WITH MORE THAN 268,000 BUSINESSES ACROSS L.A.  
25 COUNTY. OUR MEMBERS APPLAUD YOUR RECENT VOTE TO OPPOSE THIS



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1 BALLOT MEASURE TO REQUIRE THE CITY OF L.A. TO SET UP ITS OWN  
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO CONTRACT WITH THE  
3 COUNTY. WE'VE SEEN NO COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT FORCING THE  
4 CITY TO CREATE A NEW DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM A ROLE THAT THE  
5 COUNTY'S BEEN PERFORMING EFFECTIVELY FOR DECADES WOULD IMPROVE  
6 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
7 MANY DISRUPTIONS TO SERVICES WE'VE HEARD ABOUT TODAY.  
8 MOREOVER, WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FISCAL HEALTH OF THE CITY  
9 OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WOULD BE FORCED TO SPEND HUNDREDS OF  
10 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THIS NEW AGENCY. THIS MEASURE  
11 IS A SOLUTION LOOKING FOR A PROBLEM, AND I'M HERE TO LET YOU  
12 KNOW THAT BIZFED STANDS WITH YOU ON YOUR OPPOSITION AND  
13 APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
16 SPEAKER. ADRIANA FERNANDEZ IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AND  
17 MARIBEL CASTILLON, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. RUBEN GONZALEZ.  
18 YEGHIG KESHISHIAN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. MATTHEW SHARP  
19 AND FINALLY JOHN WALSH IN THAT ORDER. PLEASE. SIR?

20

21 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA AND I'M WITH THE  
23 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHICH REPRESENTS  
24 ABOUT 180 HOSPITALS IN THE IMMEDIATE SIX COUNTY REGION. I'M  
25 HERE TODAY TO PERSONALLY CONVEY THE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY'S



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1 APPRECIATION FOR YOUR VOTE LAST WEEK TO OPPOSE A BALLOT  
2 MEASURE THAT SEEKS TO CREATE A CITY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.  
3 THIS BALLOT MEASURE GIVES A FALSE SENSE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
4 NEEDS OF RESIDENTS WILL BE IMPROVED; IT WILL NOT. IT'S  
5 IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLICATE A COUNTY SOPHISTICATED INFRASTRUCTURE  
6 WHICH INCLUDES 24/7 PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE ALL WITHIN THE  
7 SPAN OF 120 DAYS. AND I'M REFERRING TO THE 10 MANDATED  
8 SERVICES THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT MUST PROVIDE BY STATE  
9 LAW. WHAT THIS MEASURE DOES OFFER IS A DYSFUNCTIONAL  
10 ENVIRONMENT WITH CONFLICTING MESSAGING, LACK OF COLLABORATION,  
11 LACK OF COORDINATION AND DELAYED RESPONSE TO A LOCAL INCIDENT  
12 OR NATURAL DISASTER IS THE NORM RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION, AND  
13 THIS IS A RISK HOSPITALS CANNOT AFFORD. SO I THANK YOU FOR  
14 YOUR VOTE AND YOUR INTEREST TO PRESERVE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
15 THAT HAS EARNED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION FOR ITS  
16 WORK IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ARENA. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. EXCUSE ME. GOOD  
22 AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN HERE IS ACTUALLY  
23 THE ADVOCATES, SOMEBODY MENTIONED ADVOCATES FOR THIS  
24 INITIATIVE NEED TO COME DOWN HERE MORE OFTEN TO THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS. NOT THAT YOU'RE DOING ANYTHING PARTICULARLY



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1 WONDERFULLY WELL EXCEPT COLLECTING TONS OF MONEY, KEEP THAT IN  
2 MIND. BUT IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THIS, COME TO ADDRESS THEM  
3 HERE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. GOING OUTSIDE THIS BOX WILL NOT  
4 SOLVE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS. AND LOOKING FOR THE CITY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES TO DUPLICATE ANY OF THE RESULTS THAT HAVE COME FROM  
6 THIS BOARD IS NOT NECESSARILY A GREAT IDEA. I JUST USE AN  
7 EXAMPLE OF M.L.K. HOSPITAL WHERE YOU'VE GOT TONS AND TONS OF  
8 MONEY BUT NEVER MANAGE TO GET OVER A D MINUS UNTIL SOMEBODY  
9 CALLED YOUR BLUFF AND CLOSED THE HOSPITAL DOWN AND YOU LOST  
10 TONS AND TONS OF MONEY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY. BELL' TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ADRIANA FERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD. I'M ADRIANA FERNANDEZ WITH THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND  
17 COMMERCE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING MORE THAN 370 BUSINESSES IN  
18 THE COUNTY THAT HAVE CREATED OVER 100,000 JOBS. V.I.C.A.  
19 STRONGLY AGREES WITH YOUR DECISION LAST WEEK TO OPPOSE THE  
20 CREATION OF A SEPARATE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AS WE'VE HEARD  
21 FROM DR.FELDING, TO PROVIDE AN EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF SERVICES  
22 THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY PROVIDES THE FINANCIAL COSTS TO THE  
23 CITY WOULD EXCEED \$300 MILLION ANNUALLY EXCLUDING STARTUP  
24 COSTS. THIS IS A FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT THE CITY SIMPLY CANNOT  
25 AFFORD AT THIS TIME. ASIDE FROM CITY COSTS THIS NEW DEPARTMENT



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1 WOULD LEAD TO LOSS OF REVENUE AND WORKFORCE REDUCTIONS AT THE  
2 COUNTY LEVEL. ONE OF THE MOST CONCERNING ASPECTS OF THIS  
3 PROPOSAL TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS THE OVERLAP THAT WOULD  
4 EXIST BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SUCH REDUNDANCY  
5 WOULD ADD ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT BURDENS TO THE FOOD SERVICE  
6 AND RETAIL INDUSTRIES IN LOS ANGELES. NATIONALLY, COUNTY  
7 JURISDICTIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE THE STRONGEST PERFORMERS  
8 IN PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND SMALLER HEALTH  
9 DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE CONSIDERING CONSOLIDATION.  
10 DUE TO ALL THESE REASONS, AS WELL AS THE UNREALISTIC TIME  
11 FRAME FOR CREATING THE CITY DEPARTMENT, V.I.C.A. OPPOSES THE  
12 CREATION OF A SEPARATE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND WE WITH O  
13 LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR DECISION TO OPPOSE THE  
14 MEASURE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
17 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **MARIBEL CASTILLON:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIBEL  
20 CASTILLON. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH THE SUCCESSFUL  
21 EVIDENCE-BASED CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION PROGRAM  
22 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, I HAVE WORKED  
23 WITH MULTIPLE CITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. I ENSURE THAT THE  
24 CLINICS I OVERSEE PROVIDE ABOVE STANDARD CARE. I ALSO MAKE  
25 SURE THAT MY PROVIDERS ARE INFORMED AND UP-TO-DATE WITH THE



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1 STATE HEALTH POLICIES. INTIMATE REPORTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED  
2 BETWEEN ME AND MY 65 PLUS PROVIDERS AND THEIR STAFF. WHILE  
3 PROPONENTS OF THE BALLOT MEASURE REFER TO PASADENA AND LONG  
4 BEACH AS BEING SUCCESSFUL MODELS OF CITY-BASED HEALTH, I AM  
5 HERE TO SAY THAT THAT IS A LIE. IN FACT, I WAS BROUGHT IN TO  
6 HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THE SMALLER CITY RUN  
7 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACES. THE LACK OF RESOURCES AFFECTED THE  
8 QUALITY OF TRAINING SUPERVISORS RECEIVED. STAFF RETENTION IS  
9 ALSO AN ISSUE, CAUSING CONTINUOUS SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS. ALL  
10 THIS TRICKLES DOWN TO THE QUALITY OF CARE PATIENTS RECEIVE. I  
11 AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE BALLOT MEASURE AND WHAT IT MEANS  
12 TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OUR RESIDENTS IF THEY WERE TO PASS.  
13 THIS IS WHY I ALONG WITH MY UNION, S.E.I.U. 721 JOIN THE BOARD  
14 IN PUBLICLY OPPOSING THIS MEASURE AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO  
15 THE SAME. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
18 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

19

20 **RUBEN GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
21 MY NAME IS RUBEN GONZALEZ. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LOS  
22 ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE APPLAUD THE BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS IN OPPOSING THIS INITIATIVE. IT IS THE DEFINITION  
24 OF BAD PUBLIC POLICY. THERE IS NOTHING GOOD ABOUT THIS  
25 INITIATIVE. IT DOES NOT PROVIDE A SERVICE OR A BENEFIT THAT IS



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1 NECESSARY TO THE COMMUNITIES OF L.A. COUNTY. ITS NEGATIVE  
2 IMPACTS ARE SEVERE AND ACROSS-THE-BOARD. ITS COST WILL MEAN  
3 TAKING AWAY FROM OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ARE CRITICAL AND  
4 ALREADY NOT FUNDED AS MUCH AS THEY NEED TO BE. IT WILL HURT  
5 BUSINESS. IT WILL IMPACT JOB CREATION. IT IS IN ESSENCE  
6 SIMPLY-- IT IS IN ESSENCE AN EFFORT BY A SINGLE ENTITY TO HAVE  
7 A TANTRUM. IT'S A PUBLIC POLICY TANTRUM. THEY DIDN'T LIKE THAT  
8 THEY WEREN'T SUPPORTED IN THEIR EFFORTS, AND SO THEY'RE COMING  
9 BACK AND TRYING TO DAMAGE THE ENTITIES THAT DIDN'T AGREE WITH  
10 THEM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

14

15 **MATTHEW SHARP:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MATTHEW SHARP WITH CALIFORNIA  
16 FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES, AN ORGANIZATION THAT FOCUSES ON THE LOW  
17 INCOME NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THOSE ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND  
18 STATE, FOR THAT MATTER. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR  
19 TWO DECADES ON A NUMBER OF STRATEGIES, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS  
20 TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF LOW INCOME ANGELINOS AND I CAN SAY  
21 WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT THE ACCELERATION IN THE PACE OF  
22 REDUCING CHILDHOOD OBESITY HAS HAPPENED NOT BY ACCIDENT BUT  
23 BECAUSE OF CAREFUL, COORDINATED, SMART PEOPLE DOING REALLY  
24 GOOD INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITY-LEVEL PROJECTS. THAT DOESN'T  
25 HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH



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1 AGENCY THAT'S RECRUITED NATIONAL TALENT, BROUGHT EXPERTISE TO  
2 BEAR, SOLICITED RESOURCES, FORGED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND  
3 INVESTED IN CUTTING-EDGE STRATEGIES. BOTH YOUR CHRONIC DISEASE  
4 DIVISION AND MATERNAL CHILD ADOLESCENT HEALTH, NATIONAL  
5 LEADERS PURSUING REALLY CLEVER APPROACHES TO SOLVING THESE  
6 PROBLEMS. LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS BENEFIT GREATLY FROM IT. AND I  
7 ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE THIS VOCAL OPPOSITION FOR A BALLOT  
8 MEASURE THAT WOULD CERTAINLY UNDERMINE THAT ENORMOUS PROGRESS  
9 THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED IN THE LAST DECADE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
12 WE'LL TAKE THE FINAL TWO SPEAKERS.

13

14 **YEGHIG KESHISHIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YEGHIG KESHISHIAN WITH THE  
15 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING OUR 450 MEMBERS  
16 EMPLOYING MORE THAN 350,000 INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE LOS  
17 ANGELES REGION. WE WISH TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
18 OPPOSING THE CREATION OF A NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY  
19 OF LOS ANGELES. AS YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD, IT IS NEITHER IN THE  
20 CITY'S PUBLIC HEALTH NOR ITS ECONOMIC INTEREST TO FUND A CITY  
21 HEALTH DEPARTMENT INDEPENDENT OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
22 PUBLIC HEALTH. IT WILL BE DUPLICATING EXISTING EFFORTS BY THE  
23 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH SINCE THE 1960S HAS  
24 PROVIDED SPECIALIZED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS  
25 OF LOS ANGELES. NOT TO MENTION HINDER THE CITY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES'S ABILITY TO COORDINATE REGIONALLY WITH ITS  
2 NEIGHBORING 87 CITIES TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES.  
3 WE WISH TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND FOR  
4 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
7 WE'LL TAKE THE FINAL SPEAKER.

8

9 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. 100  
10 PERCENT OPPOSITION. NOW, WHAT IS THIS? A PUBLIC POLICY  
11 TANTRUM. THAT'S WHAT SOMEONE SAID BEFORE. WHAT IS THE AGENCY?  
12 WHAT IS THE NONPROFIT THAT SPENT ALL THE MONEY ON THE  
13 SIGNATURES GATHERERS? IF YOU SIGNED IT, THE SIGNATURE  
14 GATHERERS WERE TOLD TO TELL THE POTENTIAL SIGNATURE GATHERER  
15 SIGNER THAT THERE WAS NO IMPACT, NEGATIVE IMPACT FINANCIALLY.  
16 THIS IS ALL ABOUT A PERSONAL VENDETTA BY THE MAN WHO SPENT  
17 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IF NOT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PUT IT ON  
18 THERE ABOUT ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. IT'S A LITTLE SNIT. WE'RE TALKING  
19 ABOUT A.H.F., AREN'T WE? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A.H.F. , AREN'T  
20 WE? NOW IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO GET UP THERE AND SAY IT  
21 AND STAND UP FOR YOURSELF, I WILL STAND UP FOR YOU. AND I  
22 DON'T WANT-- I'VE NEVER HAD TO GO AND USE PUBLIC HOSPITALS.  
23 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE TRUTH. NOT ZEV AND NOT MICHAEL  
24 WEINSTEIN FOR THE TRUTH. TAKE YOUR PROBLEM ELSEWHERE.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY KINDLY  
2 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY ALL THOSE WHO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
3 HEARD. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY? KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE. FOR STAFF? (GAVEL).

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I WAS GOING TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS, BUT  
11 PREVIOUS SPEAKER COVERED THAT SUBJECT, SO I WON'T HAVE TO.  
12 [LAUGHTER.] BUT LEAVE THAT AS IT IS. DR. FIELDING, ONE OF THE  
13 THINGS ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE, AMONG MANY THINGS, THAT IS  
14 TROUBLING TO ME AND I THINK TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO READ IT, AS  
15 WELL, IS THIS DRACONIAN ELEMENT WHERE THE DAY THE ELECTION--  
16 THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
17 RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ENDS,  
18 SUMMARILY ENDS, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, HAVING  
21 DISCUSSED IT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING, MR. KRATTLI?

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1   **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** YES. AS SOON AS THE ELECTION RESULTS  
2   ARE CERTIFIED.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH WOULD BE 10 TO 12 DAYS?

5

6   **JOHN KRATTLI:** THE CITY OF L.A. BECOMES RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC  
7   HEALTH WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE CITY OF L.A. WILL HAVE NO HEALTH  
10   DEPARTMENT IN THE 10 OR 12 DAYS BETWEEN THE ELECTION AND THE  
11   TIME IT'S CERTIFIED. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL HAVE TO  
12   CEASE PROVIDING SERVICES IMMEDIATELY UPON CERTIFICATION OF THE  
13   ELECTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15   **JOHN KRATTLI:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. THE INITIATIVE BY ITS TERMS  
16   SAYS THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY FOR  
17   SERVICES.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE WILL BE THIS LONG PERIOD BECAUSE  
20   IT'S GOING TO TAKE THE CITY MONTHS IF NOT LONGER TO HIRE UP.  
21   AND THE CITY IS PRECLUDED FROM CONTRACTING AS YOU HAD  
22   INDICATED, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT POINT. THE CITY IS  
23   PRECLUDED FROM CONTRACTING WITH US DURING THAT NINE-MONTH OR  
24   12-MONTH TRANSITION PERIOD, IS THAT CORRECT?

25



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1    **JOHN KRATTLI:** THAT IS CORRECT. ONCE THE INITIATIVE BECOMES  
2    EFFECTIVE IF IT IS PASSED BY THE VOTERS, THE CITY BY THE  
3    EXPRESS TERMS OF THE INITIATIVE IS PRECLUDED FROM CONTRACTING  
4    WITH THE COUNTY.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF THERE'S AN OUTBREAK LIKE THE H1 N1  
7    VIRUS LIKE WE HAD A COUPLE YEARS AGO IN THE REGION, THESE  
8    GERMS DON'T RESPECT MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, HOW UNTHOUGHTFUL OF  
9    THEM, HOW DO WE-- HOW DO THE PEOPLE OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHO  
10   WILL ALSO BE IMPACTED BY SOME FLU VIRUS, HOW DO THEY GET THE  
11   BENEFIT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES IMMUNIZATIONS,  
12   PROVIDES PREVENTIVE IMMUNIZATIONS AS WELL AS TREATMENT IF  
13   PEOPLE SHOULD CONTRACT THE DISEASE?

14

15   **JOHN KRATTLI:** SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ASPECTS OF  
16   THAT. WE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS,  
17   CLEARLY, TO TRY AND IDENTIFY, TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHERE IT'S  
18   A PROBLEM AND WHERE IT'S LIKELY TO BE SPREAD TO PUT IN PLACE  
19   CONTROL MEASURES. WE WOULD, DEPENDING UPON YOUR BOARD, DECIDE  
20   WHETHER OR NOT TO MAINTAIN THE CLINICS THAT WE HAVE, FIVE OF  
21   WHICH ARE WITHIN L.A. CITY AND WHERE WE DO PROVIDE  
22   IMMUNIZATIONS. THAT WOULD BE A SEPARATE DECISION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW COULD WE MAINTAIN CLINICS IN THE CITY OF  
2 LOS ANGELES? WE WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE INITIATIVE TO BE OUT  
3 OF THAT BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WILL WE NOT?

4  
5 **JOHN KRATTLI:** WE WILL BE PRECLUDED FROM CONTRACTING AND  
6 PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE CITY.

7  
8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PERIOD. WHETHER IT'S BY CONTRACT OR WHETHER  
9 IT'S BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE COUNTY WHO SAYS THE HELL WITH  
10 THE INITIATIVE, WE'LL PROVIDE FREE IMMUNIZATIONS TO THE CITY.  
11 SO TO KEEP THE HOLLYWOOD CLINIC OPEN WOULD BE GREAT IF THE  
12 PEOPLE FROM SANTA CLARITA WILL COME DOWN OR FROM CERRITOS WILL  
13 COME UP TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE SERVICES AT THE HOLLYWOOD  
14 CLINIC, BUT THE ODDS OF THAT HAPPENING ARE SLIM IN NONE. AND  
15 WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SHUTTER THE HOLLYWOOD CLINIC, I WOULD  
16 THINK, AS FAR AS PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

17  
18 **JOHN KRATTLI:** AS FAR AS PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. WE DO HAVE  
19 PEOPLE COMING FROM THE COUNTY USING THE SERVICES WHICH ARE SET  
20 UP AT THE CITY. AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO  
21 THAT. DO WE WANT TO MOVE THEM OR DO WE KEEP IT OPEN FOR THEM?  
22 THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS WE'D HAVE TO LOOK AT BUT YOU'RE  
23 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
24 SERVICES?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ONE ELEMENT OF THIS THING THAT DRIVES  
2 ME CRAZY BECAUSE IT IS PUNITIVE. IT'S NOT-- THERE IS NO PUBLIC  
3 POLICY IMPERATIVE THAT IS DRIVING THIS INITIATIVE AS EVIDENCED  
4 BY THAT ONE PROVISION ALONE, AMONG MANY. IT'S PUNITIVE. AT  
5 LEAST IT'S INTENDED TO BE PUNITIVE AGAINST YOUR DEPARTMENT. I  
6 SUSPECT BECAUSE OF THE WHOLE CONTROVERSY INVOLVING THE AUDITS  
7 AND BACK AT A.H.F., NOT LOOKING KINDLY ON BEING AUDITED FOR  
8 THE FUNDS THAT ARE GIVEN TO THEM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
9 THROUGH US TO THEM SO THEY COULD ACCOUNT FOR HOW THE MONEY'S  
10 SPENT. BUT IT'S NOT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT'S  
11 GOING TO PAY THE PRICE; IT'S THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS  
12 ANGELES WHO ARE GOING TO PAY THE PRICE. AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
13 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IF THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
14 DIMINISHES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IT WILL HAVE INEVITABLE  
15 IMPACT ON THE REST OF THE COUNTY. BECAUSE TO THE EXTENT THAT  
16 L.A. CITY RESIDENTS ARE NOT HEALTHY, IT WILL BLEED INTO THE  
17 COUNTY. AS I SAID THE GERMS DO NOT STOP AT THE BOUNDARIES OF  
18 THE CITY AND COUNTY.

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. WE  
21 ARE CONCERNED BOTH ABOUT THE IMPACT OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF  
22 THE CITY AND THE IMPACT ON ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY.  
23 AND IT WOULD HAVE IMPACTS ON BOTH.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK MR.  
2 KRATTLI AND THEN I'LL STOP. JOHN, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
3 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ONCE THIS  
4 INITIATIVE IS PASSED AND CERTIFIED?

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6 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL BE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. BUT IN THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN THE  
9 TIME THE ELECTION IS CERTIFIED AND THE TIME THE CITY CAN STAFF  
10 UP, WHAT OPTIONS DOES THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE AS FAR AS  
11 THE PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES? IT CAN'T CONTRACT WITH US.  
12 THEY WON'T HAVE THEIR OWN STAFF. WHAT DO THEY DO?

13

14 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THE INITIATIVE DOES NOT ADDRESS THAT VERY  
15 IMPORTANT ISSUE. IT JUST SAYS THAT IT IS EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS  
16 THE MEASURE IS CERTIFIED. IT IMMEDIATELY PRECLUDES THE COUNTY  
17 FROM CONTRACTING TO PROVIDE SERVICES. AND IT SAYS THAT 120  
18 DAYS LATER, THE NEW CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS TO  
19 BE ESTABLISHED. AND AS YOU HEARD EARLIER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF  
20 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CITY, THAT IS A POTENTIALLY UNREALISTIC  
21 TIME FRAME, BUT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY ANSWER TO THE QUESTION  
22 YOU JUST POSED.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK THE C.A.O. FOR THE CITY, MR.  
25 SANTANA, HAVE YOU AND YOUR FOLKS GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO WHAT YOU



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1 WOULD DO IF THIS WERE TO PASS? STAFFING UP TIME THAT IT'S  
2 GOING TO TAKE YOU, WHAT YOU DO IN THE INTERVENING MONTHS IN  
3 TERMS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUR 4 MILLION  
4 RESIDENTS?

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6 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WE'VE LOOKED AT THE INITIAL DISCUSSION ABOUT  
7 IT, AND WE BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO TAKE FAR LONGER THAN THE TIME  
8 ALLOTTED IN THE INITIATIVE. SAYING TWO YEARS IS PROBABLY EVEN  
9 A CHALLENGE, ASSUMING THAT WE DID PRETTY MUCH FOCUS ON  
10 CREATING THIS DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISH THE CLASSIFICATIONS,  
11 IDENTIFY THE FUNDING, SOUGHT OUT FACILITIES, IDENTIFIED THE  
12 LABS THAT WERE REQUIRED, CREATED THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL OF  
13 THAT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IN 120 DAYS. IT  
14 WOULD BE VERY CHALLENGING TO DO IT IN A YEAR OR TWO YEARS. AS  
15 POINT OF AN EXAMPLE, YOU KNOW WE RECENTLY CONSOLIDATED ABOUT  
16 150 GENERAL SERVICE POLICE OFFICERS FROM BEING PART OF THE  
17 GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ONTO L.A.P.D., FUNCTIONS NOT THAT  
18 UNFAMILIAR, CERTAINLY WORK THAT WE SHARE. IT TOOK US OVER A  
19 YEAR TO DO THAT. OF COURSE THIS IS IN A CONTEXT WHERE THE  
20 CITY'S ALREADY FACING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES. THE ONLY OPTIONS  
21 WE WOULD HAVE WOULD BE TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE LEVEL OF  
22 SERVICE. THE INITIATIVE DOES NOT SET A THRESHOLD OF THE KIND  
23 OF SERVICES WE SHOULD PROVIDE. AND SO WE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE  
24 THE LEVELS OF SERVICE THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES AND TRY TO  
25 REDUCE IT DOWN TO THE BARE MINIMUM. THE SECOND THING WOULD BE



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1 TO LOOK AT OTHER FUNCTIONS THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED. 70 PERCENT  
2 OF OUR BUDGET CURRENTLY GOES TO PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE GENERAL  
3 FUND. SO WE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE WHERE ELSE WE WOULD TRY TO  
4 IDENTIFY SAVINGS TO BE ABLE TO FUND THE PORTION THAT IS NOT  
5 RECOVERABLE TO THE FEES. AND THE THIRD PIECE WOULD BE  
6 ULTIMATELY TO CONTRACT OUT WITH OBVIOUSLY NOT THE COUNTY BUT  
7 WITH OTHER PROVIDERS, ASSUMING THAT THERE ISN'T A STRONG  
8 DESIRE TO BUILD UP AND CREATE OUR OWN DEPARTMENT FULLY  
9 STAFFED. ALL OF THOSE INVOLVE A NUMBER OF POLICY DECISIONS,  
10 INVOLVE NEGOTIATIONS, INVOLVE IDENTIFYING FUNDING, INVOLVES  
11 ESTABLISHING THRESHOLDS OF SERVICES, APPLYING FOR GRANTS. WE  
12 CAN'T EVEN RECEIVE THE FEDERAL GRANTS, OUR PORTION OF THOSE  
13 FEDERAL GRANTS THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE  
14 NO VEHICLE TO DO IT. WE CAN'T CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY IF  
15 THERE'S A PORTION OF FEDERAL GRANT THAT GOES TO CITY OF L.A.  
16 RESIDENTS, THERE'S NO WAY TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
17 COUNTY SO THAT THAT GRANT COULD BE TRANSFERRED. WE WOULD HAVE  
18 TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO THERE'S  
19 A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE LAID OUT THAT THE COUNTY  
20 HASN'T BEGUN TO EXPLORE THAT WE WOULD NEED TO START  
21 ADDRESSING.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, MR. SANTANA,  
24 SINCE YOU'RE REPRESENTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL HERE  
25 ON THIS INITIATIVE. IS THERE A LEVEL OF DISSATISFACTION ON THE



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1 PART OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT WITH THE SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN  
2 PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT? OR ARE YOU  
3 SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF SERVICE THEY'VE BEEN RENDERING?

4

5 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** THE CITY HASN'T EXPRESSED ANY CONCERN OVER  
6 THE LEVEL OF SERVICE BEING PROVIDED. WE WORK IN CONCERT WITH  
7 YOUR DEPARTMENT ON VARIOUS ISSUES. YOUR DEPARTMENT'S BEEN PART  
8 OF A TEAM THAT WE COORDINATE ON SKID ROW SPECIFICALLY, FOR  
9 EXAMPLE, THAT I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE  
10 SITUATION THERE, THE FACT THAT WE WERE PROHIBITED BY A LAWSUIT  
11 TO REMOVE DEBRIS. AND THEY WERE HELPFUL IN LOOKING AT THE  
12 QUALITY OF LIFE, DETERMINING IF THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEALTH  
13 CRISIS, PROVIDING GUIDANCE IN TERMS OF HOW WE PROCEED. SO  
14 THERE ISN'T A LEVEL OF CONCERN OR THERE HASN'T BEEN AT LEAST  
15 TO ME ANY EXPRESSION ABOUT THE LACK OF QUALITY OR SERVICE THAT  
16 THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES RECEIVE ON BEHALF OF THE  
17 DEPARTMENT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS IS NOT A CASE OF IT'S BROKEN, WE  
20 NEED TO FIX IT?

21

22 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** THAT'S CORRECT. TO BE CLEAR, THE CITY HAS NO  
23 INTEREST IN TAKING ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THE CITY IS  
24 INCAPABLE AT THIS TIME TO TAKE ON THIS NEW DUTY UNDER THE  
25 CURRENT FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS WE ARE. BUT EVEN IF THE CITY WAS



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1 NOT UNDER THE CURRENT CHALLENGES IT IS CONFRONTING, THE WAY  
2 THIS INITIATIVE IS DRAFTED, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO  
3 IMPLEMENT THE LEVEL OF SERVICES THAT THE CURRENT-- THAT THE  
4 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES CURRENTLY RECEIVE UNDER YOUR  
5 DEPARTMENT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS IS I GUESS TO QUOTE MY  
8 FAIR LADY-- THE KING AND I, IT'S A PUZZLEMENT. THE LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE TOP  
10 IF NOT THE TOP PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY. I  
11 WOULD SAY NEW YORK AND-- NEW YORK CITY AND LOS ANGELES, THE  
12 TWO BIGGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE COUNTRY ARE THE GOLD  
13 STANDARD WHEN IT COMES TO THIS. OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
14 DR. FIELDING, IS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED PUBLIC HEALTH  
15 LEADERS IN THE COUNTRY. I DON'T THINK IT'S A SECRET THAT HE  
16 WAS ON A SHORT LIST. TO HEAD, WAS IT THE C.D.C., WOULD THAT BE  
17 FOUR YEARS AGO?

18

19 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST DIDN'T REMEMBER WHETHER  
22 THOSE INITIALS WERE THE RIGHT ONE. CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
23 CONTROL. SO WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT HERE THAT HAS DONE  
24 OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE AREA, IN ALL THE AREAS OF  
25 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND SO ALONG



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1 COMES ONE AGENCY THAT HAS A BEEF WITH THE DEPARTMENT. I THINK  
2 IT'S WELL KNOWN TO ALL OF US WHAT THE BEEF STEMS FROM. THEY  
3 WERE AUDITED. THERE WERE SOME DEFICIENCIES FOUND IN THE AUDIT,  
4 SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES, AND THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT. SO THEIR  
5 ANSWER WAS TO USE THEIR FUNDS, WHICH I ASSUME COULD GO TO PAY  
6 FOR MEDICINES FOR PEOPLE WITH A.I.D.S. AND OTHER DISEASES THAT  
7 A.H.F. SERVES, WAS TO TAKE AND SPEND A MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE  
8 ON AN INITIATIVE TO PUNISH THIS DEPARTMENT BY DISMANTLING IT.  
9 AND IT WON'T AFFECT DR. FIELDING. IT WILL AFFECT QUITE A FEW  
10 OF OUR EMPLOYEES. BUT IT WILL NOT AFFECT DR. FIELDING. IT WILL  
11 NOT AFFECT COUNTY GOVERNMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IT'S NOT  
12 PUNISHING US. IT'S PUNISHING THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON YOUR  
13 DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES. VITAL SERVICES. IN MANY CASES  
14 LIFESAVING SERVICES AND LIFE PRESERVING SERVICES. AND THAT, TO  
15 ME, IS OUTRAGEOUS. AND I THINK THAT WE HAD THE MOTION LAST  
16 WEEK TO OPPOSE THIS INITIATIVE AND WE WERE RUNNING QUITE LATE.  
17 WE DIDN'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOUND ON ALL THE THINGS  
18 THAT WE HAD BEFORE US. BUT I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID LOUD  
19 AND CLEAR. THIS IS NOT ABOUT A PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY OBJECTIVE  
20 THIS ISSUE. THIS INITIATIVE IS ABOUT A VENDETTA AGAINST THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
22 FOUNDATION HAS THE TEMERITY TO BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE  
23 AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PRACTICES OF AUDITING EVERYONE  
24 WHO GETS FUNDS FROM US, FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
25 THROUGH US TO THEM. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN HOLD OUR



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1 CONTRACTING AGENCIES ACCOUNTABLE. IMAGINE IF EVERY AGENCY THAT  
2 GETS AUDITED BY US FOR WHICH THERE IS A FINDING OF  
3 IRREGULARITY OR DEFICIENCY DECIDED TO LAUNCH AN INITIATIVE TO  
4 PUNISH A DEPARTMENT, TO BREAK IT UP WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF  
5 BREAKING UP THIS DEPARTMENT BEING WHAT THEY ARE. I APPRECIATE  
6 THE TESTIMONY OF DR. FIELDING, OF MR. SANTANA AND WE HAVE TO  
7 MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE STAKES ARE  
8 BECAUSE THE STAKES ARE EXTREMELY HIGH. I JUST GOT MY FLU SHOT  
9 ON SATURDAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. NEXT  
10 YEAR I MAY NOT HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF  
11 LOS ANGELES. OF ALL THE SUPERVISORS, I REPRESENT THE BIGGEST  
12 CHUNK OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. MOST OF MY DISTRICT IS THE  
13 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I TAKE MORE THAN AN INTELLECTUAL  
14 INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE. IT'S VERY VISCERAL TO MY CONSTITUENTS  
15 AND ALL OF YOU REPRESENT OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY HAVE THE SAME  
16 INTEREST. IN IS ABSOLUTELY CRAZY. STUPID. DESTRUCTIVE.  
17 DRACONIAN. ENDANGERS THE PUBLIC HEALTH. I THINK WE'VE GOT TO  
18 TELL IT LIKE IT IS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
21 YAROSLAVSKY. I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO APPRECIATE THE FACT  
22 THAT WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING IS ESSENTIALLY A REAFFIRMATION OF  
23 THE VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN LAST WEEK. THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE  
24 PUBLIC HEALTH JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS BALLOT MEASURE. THAT IS  
25 OUR BOTTOM LINE. IN OUR BUSINESS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS THE



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1 MOTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH. PLAIN, SIMPLE. AND THIS THREATENS THE  
2 POTENTIAL FOR US TO SERVE NOT ONLY THE CITY BUT OTHER PARTS OF  
3 THE COUNTY IN THE WAY THAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT IS ARGUABLY  
4 AN EXEMPLARY FASHION. IT IS NOT OUR OBJECTIVE TO GO BACKWARDS  
5 WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING QUALITY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND  
6 HEALTH EDUCATION. WE NEED TO GO FORWARD. THERE IS NO TWO WAYS  
7 ABOUT THAT. I THINK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WANTS TO  
8 DO MORE. IT SEEKS TO DO A BETTER JOB AND NOT HAVE THE  
9 SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS THAT IT HAS MADE BE ERODED BY A MISGUIDED  
10 EFFORT THAT IS COSTING THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY, LET ME  
11 CORRECT THAT. THE CITIZENS OF L.A. CITY, \$4.6 MILLION FOR A  
12 FRUITLESS ENDEAVOR. NOT ONLY IS IT FRUITLESS, BUT IT IS  
13 CLEARLY WRONG-HEADED AND DESTRUCTIVE. IT WILL, IN FACT,  
14 COMPROMISE PUBLIC HEALTH. THAT IS OUR BOTTOM LINE, THEREFORE  
15 WE ARE OBLIGED TO OPPOSE THIS ACTION. THE TESTIMONY HAS BEEN  
16 CLEAR FROM THOSE WHO KNOW. NOT FROM THOSE WHO SPECULATE. NOT  
17 THOSE WHO ARE DRIVING AN AGENDA THAT SAYS THEY NEEDN'T BE  
18 ACCOUNTABLE. THOSE WHO ARE DRIVING AN AGENDA WHO SAY  
19 TRANSPARENCY IS NOT THE ORDER OF THE DAY. AND LET ME JUST MAKE  
20 AN ADDITIONAL POINT THAT HASN'T BEEN ADEQUATELY UNDERSCORED.  
21 IF WE WERE NOT TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT FOR THESE  
22 PUBLIC DOLLARS, WE RISK LOSING THE SUPPORT THAT WE CURRENTLY  
23 ENJOY IN TERMS OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS THAT WE CURRENTLY USE TO  
24 MAKE SURE THAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS ADVANCED IN THE APPROPRIATE  
25 WAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO THIS IS NO SMALL THING.



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1 AND I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD THINK MUCH OF YOUR ELECTED  
2 OFFICIALS IF WE WERE TO ALLOW ANY SINGLE ENTITY THAT BENEFITS  
3 FROM PUBLIC DOLLARS TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY.  
4 THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT THIS SEEKS TO DO. AND IF THEY WERE TO  
5 BE SUCCESSFUL, AND WE WILL WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
6 ARE NOT, LET ME JUST SAY SIMPLY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WOULD  
7 BE OBLIGED TO AUDIT AND PUSH FOR TRANSPARENCY. AND THOSE WHO  
8 ARE ADVOCATES FOR THIS OUGHT TO THINK TWICE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC  
9 IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN PUBLIC HEALTH  
10 AS THE POINT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR. SO EVERY SINGLE  
11 POINT: ECONOMIC IMPACTS, NEGATIVE. HEALTH IMPACTS, NEGATIVE.  
12 THE WHOLE THING, FILL IN THE BLANK, THE WHOLE BLANKING THING  
13 IS ILL CONCEIVED AND OUGHT TO BE REJECTED ON ITS FACE. ANY  
14 FURTHER COMMENTS? STRONG LETTER TO FOLLOW. CONSIDER THAT TO BE  
15 AFFIRMATION OR REAFFIRMATION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO  
16 FILL IN THE BLANK.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I CAN CONCUR ABOUT  
19 HAVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REMAIN WITHIN THE  
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SERVING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. MY  
21 PROBLEM IS WHEN YOU HAVE A GROUP OF CITIZENS WHO CREATE AN  
22 INITIATIVE, A PETITION THAT IS SIGNED AND AUTHORIZED  
23 SIGNATURES TO A VALID PETITION, THEN UNDER THE FORM OF A  
24 REPUBLIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT, THE CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE  
25 THAT INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE. AND TO HAVE AN



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1 AGENCY SAY THAT WE DON'T LIKE THE INITIATIVE MAY DETER FUTURE  
2 INDIVIDUALS BRINGING FORTH INITIATIVES TO REFLECT THEIR  
3 POLITICAL WILL FROM HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY. I JUST FEEL THAT  
4 THIS IS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, NOT A GOVERNMENT OF  
5 BUREAUCRACIES WHO ARE GOING TO PREDETERMINE AS TO WHAT OUGHT  
6 TO GO ON THE BALLOT AND WHATNOT OUGHT TO GO ON THE BALLOT. YOU  
7 HAVE A LEGITIMATE INITIATIVE CIRCULATED LEGALLY ACCORDING TO  
8 LAW. SIGNATURES VERIFIED AS REGISTERED VOTERS. THEN THOSE  
9 INDIVIDUALS HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE THAT ISSUE ADDRESSED AND  
10 VOTED ON BY THE PUBLIC. AND TO ME HAVING AGENCIES SAY "THIS IS  
11 WRONG AND WE'RE GOING TO OPPOSE IT, WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO TAKE  
12 IT OFF THE BALLOT" IS NOT THE RIGHT FORM OF REPRESENTATIVE  
13 GOVERNMENT. SO THAT'S WHY I JOIN MY COLLEAGUE IN VOTING THE  
14 WAY THE PREVIOUS WE THINK AND THIS WEEK, AS WELL.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING TO IS THE  
17 LEGAL STRATEGY THAT WE CHOOSE TO ENGAGE WITH. THAT IS NOT  
18 BEFORE US AT THIS POINT. WHAT'S BEFORE US IS A REPORT BACK  
19 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR SPEAKING TO THE  
20 NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THIS EFFECTIVELY BEING PLACED ON THE  
21 BALLOT. BUT BEYOND THAT, IF IT WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WHERE  
22 THIS BOARD STANDS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT. I DON'T KNOW THAT  
23 YOU ARE IN ANY WAY ADVOCATING SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURE IF IT IS  
24 ON THE BALLOT, AM I CORRECT, SUPERVISOR?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. I DON'T WANT US TO INTERFERE WITH THE  
2 DUE PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. POINT MADE. BUT  
5 SHOULD IT BE ON THE BALLOT? I THINK EVERYONE SHOULD BE CLEAR  
6 THAT YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT YOU WOULD SUPPORT IT, AM I  
7 CORRECT OR NO?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK IT SHOULD BE ON THE BALLOT IF IT'S  
10 LEGALLY QUALIFIED TO BE ON THE BALLOT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** NORMALLY I WOULD CONCUR WITH MR. ANTONOVICH'S LAST  
16 STATEMENT. HOWEVER IN THIS CASE IT WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. I  
17 THINK THERE WAS MISINFORMATION. I THINK THIS IS TRULY AN ISSUE  
18 OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I THINK IT'S VITAL FOR  
19 US TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TRUTH IS KNOWN. TO  
20 TRY TO RECREATE WHAT WE'VE CREATED AT THE COUNTY IN 120 DAYS  
21 IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE. AND THAT'S MISINFORMATION. IT JUST  
22 CANNOT HAPPEN. AND TO JEOPARDIZE SUCH A DIVERSE COMMUNITY,  
23 PROBABLY THE MOST DIVERSE COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY HERE IN LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY, TO PUT THAT PUBLIC HEALTH AT JEOPARDY I THINK  
25 IS OUTRAGEOUS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. ANY  
3 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST BRIEFLY. THE MEASURE IS ON THE BALLOT.  
6 IT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE BALLOT BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS  
7 IS REQUIRED BY LAW. BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY ARE  
8 CHALLENGING IT IN THE COURT OF LAW BECAUSE LAWYERS FOR BOTH  
9 THE CITY AND THE COUNTY BELIEVE THAT IT'S NOT LEGALLY  
10 APPROPRIATE FOR THE INITIATIVE PROCESS. THAT A JUDGE WILL  
11 DECIDE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO DECIDE THAT. BUT FOR THE DEFAULT  
12 POSITION, IT'S ON THE BALLOT. IT'S ON THE BALLOT NOW. UNTIL A  
13 COURT OF LAW SAYS IT'S NOT, IT IS. AND I THINK WE SHOULD ALL  
14 ASSUME THAT IT'S GOING TO BE ON THE BALLOT JUNE OF 2014 AND  
15 PREPARE ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
18 YAROSLAVSKY. ANY FURTHER COMMENTS? WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE THE  
19 ITEM AS IT HAS COME BEFORE US. WE WILL REQUEST PERIODIC  
20 UPDATES AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. THE BOARD DID VOTE LAST WEEK ON  
21 THE MATTER, WHICH WAS ESSENTIALLY TO TAKE A "NO" POSITION ON  
22 THE MATTER AS IT PROCEEDS FORWARD IN TERMS OF THIS BALLOT  
23 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT A NO POSITION. AN OPPOSITION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO POSITION COULD BE INTERPRETED TWO  
5 DIFFERENT WAYS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OPPOSITION IS THE POINT WE WISH  
8 TO MAKE AND WE'LL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THAT. ALL  
9 RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE HAVE  
10 A SET OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS HERE. \_\_\_\_\_ THESE CONSENT  
11 ITEMS?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS BEING  
14 HELD STILL.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE CALL FORTH ERIC  
17 PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS THE ITEMS THAT WILL BE DEEMED CONSENT.  
18 WE'RE AT 1:15 AT THIS POINT, GENTLEMEN. WE ASK THAT YOU  
19 RESPECT THAT TIME.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
22 DISTRICT 3. THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING ISSUE NATURALLY, THE  
23 CITY AND THE COUNTY TEAMING UP AGAINST A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
24 FOUNDATION AND MR. WEINSTEIN. AND I THINK MOST OF THE MEMBERS  
25 OF THE PUBLIC WOULD CONCUR, BUT I HOPE SOMETHING COMES OUT OF



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1 THIS, WHICH IS THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN PARTICULAR THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DOES A LOT OF BUSINESS, SPENDS A  
3 LOT OF MONEY AND DOES SO FREQUENTLY IN THE SOLE-SOURCE MODEL.  
4 AND WHEN THEY ARE ASKED TO CHECK THAT, THEY CITE STATISTICS  
5 THAT SUGGEST THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER \$250,000 X NUMBER OF  
6 CONTRACTS ARE DONE SOLE SOURCE BUT THEY LEAVE OUT OF THAT  
7 CALCULATION THAT GIANT CONTRACTS, WITH LITERALLY MILLIONS OF  
8 DOLLARS ARE DONE IN A SOLE SOURCE MANNER THAT ARE ALWAYS, AS  
9 EVERYTHING DOWN HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ARE DRESSED  
10 UP IN THE CLOAK OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. SO THOUGH  
11 I AGREE WITH THE BOARD HERE, I DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO  
12 BIFURCATE THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS, I DO HOPE THAT OUT OF THIS  
13 PROCESS WE WILL GET A CHANCE TO SHAKE A LITTLE BIT THE PUBLIC  
14 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE DOTTING THEIR I'S  
15 AND CROSSING THEIR T'S AND FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMPETITION,  
16 BECAUSE WE CAN DO BETTER THAN SOME OF THE CONTRACTS WE HAVE IN  
17 PLACE. AND I THINK THE POINT THAT A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
18 FOUNDATION-- AND I'M NOT REALLY UP ON THEIR THING-- IS TRYING  
19 TO MAKE IS THAT, IN FACT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
20 DOESN'T DO SUCH A GREAT JOB AT BEING FAIR AND EQUITABLE. AND  
21 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS A CORE VALUE THAT UNFORTUNATELY  
22 SPREADS THROUGHOUT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MANY OF OUR  
23 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. TODAY I JUST WANT TO CONCLUDE BECAUSE I  
24 KNOW YOU ARE SHORTENING EVERYBODY DOWN APPROPRIATELY, TAFT AND  
25 THE PROPOSAL TO SPEND \$75 MILLION TO SEND M-7S, WHICH IS WHAT?



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1 THAT'S A DISCUSSION ITEM, OH. I'M COMPLETELY CONFUSED ABOUT  
2 WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT THANK YOU. BUT NONETHELESS I'M AGAINST  
3 IT. I THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA. I THINK THAT SENDING PEOPLE  
4 ALMOST TWO HOURS' DRIVE AWAY IS NOT GOING TO BE A SOLUTION FOR  
5 THE RECIDIVISM ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
8 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I  
12 ACTUALLY HELD THREE ITEMS (GAVEL). BUT I'M ONLY GOING TO BE  
13 ABLE TO SPEAK ON TWO? WE'RE GETTING TWO MINUTES. THEN I'LL  
14 SPEAK ON ALL THREE, HALLELUJAH. I ACTUALLY HELD ITEM NO. 7. I  
15 WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR AUTHORIZING  
16 THE FUNDS FOR THE VOLLEYBALL, MANHATTAN BEACH. BUT I'M JUST  
17 CONCERNED BECAUSE I KNOW ALSO A LOT OF TIMES ON A LOT OF  
18 AGENDAS, YOU WAIVE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN EVENTS AT  
19 THE BEACHES. IF YOU CAN'T FIND THE FEES OR THE FUNDS FOR THE  
20 OPERATION OF THE LINE 126 TO OPERATE FROM THE MARINE GREEN  
21 LINE AVENUE SUBWAY STATION INTO MANHATTAN BEACH SO PEOPLE  
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY COULD RIDE THE METRO RAIL SYSTEM INTO  
23 MANHATTAN BEACH INSTEAD OF HAVING NO ACCESS. I BELIEVE IT'S  
24 ONE OF TWO COUNTY LINES THAT GO TO THE BEACH THAT DO NOT  
25 OPERATE, THE OTHER BEING THE 626 THAT OPERATES OUT OF THE



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1 AVIATION STATION. AND YET BOTH SERVE THE COUNTY BEACHES. NOW,  
2 THAT'S AN ENTITY THAT BENEFITS FROM PUBLIC DOLLARS. METRO IS  
3 AN ENTITY THAT BENEFITS FROM PUBLIC DOLLARS THAT DOES DICTATE  
4 THE TERMS THERE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, JUST TO REPORT BACK  
5 TO YOU. OH, THAT WAS A QUICK MINUTE. I ALSO HELD ITEM 19. IT  
6 REFERS TO THE GRAND AVENUE L.A. LICENSE LIABILITY CORPORATION.  
7 THE GRAND AVENUE AUTHORITY AGREEMENT. SO I'M WONDERING WHAT  
8 HAPPENED TO THE RELATED-- WHERE DID THEY FALL OUT OF FAVOR  
9 HERE IN THIS WHOLE PROJECTED PROJECT? BECAUSE THEY USED TO BE  
10 THE FRONT RUNNER IN THIS PROJECT. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WERE  
11 GOING TO BE FINED FOR NOT DEVELOPING THESE PROJECTS. AND ALL  
12 OF A SUDDEN THEY'VE KIND OF DISAPPEARED. AND NOW WE'RE DEALING  
13 WITH THE GRAND AVENUE AND THE WONDERFUL PARK. BUT NOBODY PAID  
14 ANY FINES OR FEES. SO IT WAS REALLY A WASH FOR THEM.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
17 THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THESE CONSENT ITEMS.  
18 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE?

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
21 YOU. ITEM NO. 8, ITEM NO. 11 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THREE  
22 WEEKS, ITEM NO. 14 IS BEFORE YOU, ITEM NO. 17, 20, 25, 27, 30,  
23 32-A AND 32-B.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE  
2 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
3 SECONDS. SEEING NO OBJECTION, SO THE ITEMS AS INDICATED ARE  
4 APPROVED. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK WE ARE READY TO  
5 TAKE UP ITEM NO. 31 AND 32-E, AM I CORRECT?

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A REPORT ON  
10 THOSE ITEMS AT THIS POINT? IT IS BEFORE US. ALL RIGHT.  
11 GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU. IF THERE IS A PRESENTATION YOU HAVE TO  
12 OFFER AT THIS POINT, WE ARE PREPARED TO HEAR IT.

13

14 **ERIC PARR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. ERIC PARR ON BEHALF OF  
15 SHERIFF BACA. WE ARE BEFORE YOU TO SUBMIT FOR YOUR APPROVAL  
16 AND CONSIDERATION THE CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY BEDS WITH THE  
17 CITY OF TAFT AND THEIR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. THE  
18 CONTRACT IS FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT. IT'S APPROXIMATELY \$11 MILLION  
19 PER YEAR. THERE'S A ONE TIME START UP COST OF \$ 475,000 TO THE  
20 CONTRACT AND IT WILL ALLOW US TO HOUSE UP TO 512 INMATES AT  
21 TAFT WHICH WILL FREE UP THAT SPACE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY ADDITIONAL  
24 COMMENTS FROM THOSE AT THE CENTER DESK AT THIS POINT? ALL  
25 RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MR. FUJIOKA?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I APOLOGIZE, MR. CHAIR. AS PART OF THIS, WE  
3 WERE GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT AND ADVISE THE BOARD THAT IN OUR  
4 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING PROCESS WE'LL BE RECOMMENDING A  
5 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM OUR A.B.109 BUDGET TO SUPPORT THIS  
6 PARTICULAR EFFORT. WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT IT COMES FROM  
7 A.B.109 BECAUSE WE CURRENTLY HAVE A PROCESS WHERE THE  
8 DEPARTMENT SUBMITS A CLAIM FOR THAT PARTICULAR FUNCTION AND  
9 IT'S SUBSEQUENTLY FORWARDED TO OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR  
10 REVIEW AND APPROVAL. SO AT THAT POINT WE CAN GUARANTEE HOW THE  
11 MONEY IS SPENT AND IT'S SPENT FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE. SO I'LL  
12 BE COMING FORWARD DURING THE-- WELL ON OCTOBER 8TH WHEN WE  
13 DISCUSS THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO  
14 TRANSFER FUNDING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THIS EFFORT.  
15 THANK YOU, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS OF  
18 THE BOARD, I WILL INDICATE THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO  
19 WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM IN EXCESS OF 30 INDIVIDUALS. AND  
20 ALL OF US SHOULD BE SO INFORMED AND GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY.  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HAS THE  
24 CITY OF TAFT APPROVED THE CONTRACT?

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1 **ERIC PARR:** SUPERVISOR, YES. THE CITY OF TAFT HAS APPROVED THE  
2 CURRENT DRAFT OF THE CONTRACT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF APPROVED, WHEN WOULD YOU BEGIN THE  
5 TRANSFER OF INMATES?

6

7 **ERIC PARR:** BY CONTRACT, IN 60 DAYS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 60 DAYS?

10

11 **ERIC PARR:** WE WOULD BEGIN THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 250 INMATES TO  
12 TAFT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WOULD THE M7S ACTUALLY START TO  
15 SERVE THEIR FULL SENTENCE?

16

17 **ERIC PARR:** THE M7 POPULATION, BASED ON THE APPROVAL OF THIS  
18 CONTRACT AND ALSO THE FIRE CAMPS WILL BEGIN TO SEE AN IMPACT  
19 IN DECEMBER OF 2013.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO THANK UNDERSHERIFF TERRI  
22 MCDONALD, HER STAFF, THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND OUR C.E.O. FOR  
23 THEIR WORK AND WORKING TOGETHER AND OUR OFFICES KEEPING THE  
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENGAGED. WE APPRECIATED THAT. THANK YOU,  
25 MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
3 ANTONOVICH. ANY OTHER MEMBERS TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT?  
4 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR KNABE? SHALL WE THEN GO TO THOSE  
5 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER,  
6 PLEASE. LYNNE LYMAN. JEAN FRANKLIN. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN  
7 YOUR NAME IS CALLED. NYABINGI KUTI, PLEASE. DAYVON WILLIAMS.  
8 CASSANDRA DENARD. TANISHA DENARD. REVEREND PETER LAARMAN.  
9 DIANA ZUNIGA. IF THAT ORDER IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AND BE  
10 HEARD. MA'AM, YOUR NAME?

11

12 **LYNNE LYMAN:** HI, I'M LYNNE LYMAN, I'M THE STATE DIRECTOR FOR  
13 THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I'M ALSO HERE REPRESENTING 150  
14 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY THAT MAKE UP THE LOS ANGELES  
15 REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WERE HERE  
16 FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND HAD TO LEAVE FOR OTHER OBLIGATIONS. I AM  
17 HERE TO UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSE THE TAFT CONTRACT. WE WERE HERE A  
18 YEAR AGO HAVING THIS CONVERSATION. WE THOUGHT WE'D MADE SOME  
19 PROGRESS. MY CONCERN AROUND TAFT, I'M NOT HERE TO ARGUE WITH  
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AROUND THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT THE M7S  
21 SERVE. WHAT I AM HERE TO DO IS ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
22 DO YOUR DUTY AND IMPLEMENT A.B.109, WHICH INCLUDES  
23 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE DON'T USE SPLIT SENTENCING  
24 IN THIS COUNTY. WE DON'T HAVE PRETRIAL PROGRAMMING. AND YET  
25 WE'RE WILLING TO SPEND \$11 MILLION A YEAR TO SEND PEOPLE OUT



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1 OF THE COUNTY. BEFORE YOU DO THAT, I URGE YOU TO TRY JUST ONE  
2 APPROACH IN TERMS OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE OPPOSE  
3 THE SHERIFF ON THIS. WE OPPOSE THE C.E.O. AND WE ASK THE BOARD  
4 OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. OPPOSE THIS  
5 CONTRACT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE  
8 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** HI MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS. I'M FROM A  
11 PROGRAM CALLED L.O.B.O.S., LEADING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
12 OUT OF THE SYSTEM. JAILS HAVE A VERY HARMFUL IMPACT ON OUR  
13 COMMUNITIES. EXPERTS HAVE SHOWN TIME AND TIME AGAIN THEIR  
14 JOBS, HOMES, CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY THROUGH MEDICAL  
15 PROBLEMS, TAKES AWAY THEIR VITAL ECONOMIC AND EMOTIONAL  
16 SUPPORT. I MYSELF AM A LIVING EXPERIENCE THAT JAIL IS NOT THE  
17 WAY TO GO. COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS ARE THE WAY TO GO. 18  
18 YEARS OLD I WAS INCARCERATED FOR SIX MONTHS. IT'S BEEN FIVE  
19 YEARS LATER. I'M 23. HAVE NOT BEEN BACK TO JAIL. COMMUNITY-  
20 BASED PROGRAMS HAVE GOT ME BACK ON MY FEET FINDING A JOB,  
21 HEALTHCARE SERVICES OR WHATEVER I NEEDED. HAVING A FELONY  
22 MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT IN HAVING CHALLENGES IN DOING IT. SO  
23 EXPANDING PRISONS I'M AGAINST.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2 THE BALANCE OF THE NAMES THAT I DID CALL SHOULD BE SEATED SO  
3 THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. WE'RE GOING TO CALL ADDITIONALLY  
4 JULIO MARQUEZ. SKYE COSTELLOE. JERILYN STAPLETON. PLEASE COME  
5 FORWARD. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. DEBORAH PURNELL. THANK  
6 YOU. MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED?

7

8 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND AGAIN I'M  
9 REPRESENTING CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND  
10 L.A. NO MORE JAILS. FIRST THE I'M HERE WITH C.U.R.B. AND L.A.  
11 NO MORE JAILS TO BRING YOU A LETTER OFFICIALLY WHICH I WILL  
12 GIVE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL RIGHT NOW. NUMBER ONE, THE WASTING OF  
13 \$20 MILLION SOME OF WHICH IS A.B. 109 DOLLARS TO LOCK UP MORE  
14 PEOPLE INSTEAD OF PROVIDE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS IS FISCALLY  
15 IRRESPONSIBLE, AND WE WANT YOU ALL TO PLEASE OPPOSE THIS.  
16 SECOND, IT IS MORALLY IRRESPONSIBLE OF THE BOARD TO TRANSFER  
17 PEOPLE TO A FACILITY THAT PRISONERS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE  
18 CONTRACTED VALLEY FEVER, A DISEASE THAT HAS KILLED OVER 36  
19 PEOPLE IN THE CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM AND THAT THE PRISON  
20 SYSTEM IS NOW HAVING TO EVACUATE PEOPLE IN AVANEL STATE PRISON  
21 AND PLEASANT VALLEY STATE PRISON BECAUSE OF THIS DISEASE.  
22 THIRD, THE LACK OF PRIORITIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR  
23 CONSTITUENTS IS CLEARLY SHOWN BY THE LACK OF REPORTING ON THIS  
24 CONTRACT AND FOLLOW THROUGH FROM EACH OF YOUR OFFICES ON A SET  
25 TIME OR ANY DIALOGUE AROUND THIS DECISION. WE ARE WATCHING AND



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1 WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE DECISIONS THE BOARD IS MAKING  
2 TO LOCK UP OUR FAMILIES AND FURTHER TRAUMATIZE OUR COMMUNITIES  
3 BY LEAVING THEM IN THE HANDS OF SHERIFFS INSTEAD OF SEEKING  
4 COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS. PLEASE SAY NO TO THIS CONTRACT. IT'S  
5 UNNECESSARY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
8 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND THOSE NAMES I CALLED,  
9 WE ARE GOING TO ASK YOU TO COME FORWARD. MA'AM?

10

11 **JERILYN STAPLETON:** MY NAME IS JERILYN STAPLETON. I'M THE  
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COORDINATOR FOR THE PEACE ALLIANCE AND  
13 ALSO I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL  
14 ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN WHO IS PART OF THE CALIFORNIANS UNITED  
15 FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE'RE HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO  
16 THE TAFT CONTRACT. ON BEHALF OF THE PEACE ALLIANCE, WE WOULD  
17 LIKE TO OFFER A BETTER SOLUTION, TO BE A LITTLE BIT SMARTER ON  
18 CRIME, AND THAT IS TO ADD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TO POSSIBLE  
19 SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE INCARCERATING PEOPLE TO BEGIN WITH. I'D  
20 LIKE TO PERSONALLY SPEAK TO NO. 6 THAT IS ON THE LETTER THAT  
21 WAS SENT TO C.U.R.B. MY BROTHER WAS INCARCERATED IN SOLEDAD ON  
22 A TRUMPED-UP CHARGE. ACTUALLY, HE POSSESSED MARIJUANA BUT THEY  
23 MADE THE CHARGE CONSPIRACY. I WAS WORKING IN THE EVENING AND  
24 WOULD HAVE TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT TO DRIVE TO GO THE DISTANCE TO  
25 SEE HIM AND STAY UP ALL NIGHT. AND THEN DRIVE HOME AGAIN. SOME



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1 NIGHTS I JUST WAS TOO TIRED AFTER WORK TO MAKE THE TRIP. HE  
2 FINALLY TOLD ME, HE WROTE ME, HE SAID PLEASE DON'T TELL ME  
3 YOU'RE COMING IF YOU CAN'T. THESE VISITS ARE VERY, VERY  
4 IMPORTANT TO THE INMATES, TO THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING,  
5 THEIR MENTAL STABILITY AND WHAT HAVE YOU. SO I WOULD URGE YOU  
6 TO NOT APPROVE THIS MEASURE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
9 SEAN MCMILLAN. JOE PAUL. ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS. THANK YOU.  
10 MARIO RODRIGUEZ AND FINALLY EMELIO LACQUES.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN I'M THE COUNTY  
13 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF  
14 SENDING M7S TO TAFT. TAFT IS IN KERN COUNTY AND THE IDEA IS  
15 THAT IN 45 DAYS AFTER WE INK THIS AGREEMENT IF WE DO, THEY'RE  
16 GOING TO STAFF UP A BUNCH OF INDIVIDUALS TO START RECEIVING  
17 COUNTY M7S. I'M NOT EVEN CLEAR WHAT AN M7 IS. BUT IT'S A RANGE  
18 OF OFFENSES THAT APPARENTLY-- GIVING DIFFERENT TIME FOR  
19 DIFFERENT PEOPLE IS AN INTERESTING STRATEGY, SIR. I'M AFRAID  
20 THAT'S IN VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M AFRAID THAT YOU'RE  
23 INCORRECT. HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT?

24

25 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU JUST GAVE THE WOMAN NEXT TO ME TWO MINUTES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S INCORRECT.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, WE'LL CHECK THAT. THAT'S CHECKABLE. DON'T  
5 WORRY ABOUT IT. BUT DO WORRY ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO  
6 TAFT. IT IS A VERY FAR AND LONG RIDE UP THERE. IT IS  
7 IMPOSSIBLE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO CONSIDER SEEING THEIR  
8 RELATIVES. AND I REALIZE THAT IT'S VERY AWKWARD IN LIGHT OF  
9 THE FACT THAT THIS MORNING DARREL STEINBERG WAS HERE TALKING  
10 ABOUT THE NEW PARADIGM, TALKING ABOUT THE DIRECTION AWAY FROM  
11 INCARCERATING MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS AND PUTTING PEOPLE INTO  
12 THIS KIND OF CYCLICAL PROBLEM THAT WE'VE BEEN ALMOST JOKING  
13 WITH ONE ANOTHER ABOUT THAT IT'S BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN THE  
14 STATE AND COUNTY FOR YEARS. IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. TAFT IS  
15 NOT THE CHANGE WE'RE LOOKING FOR. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO  
16 VOTE NO, SIR.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP SAND WE  
19 APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE ARE 30  
20 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD, THEREFORE WE'RE SIMPLY TRYING TO  
21 ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE'S COMMENTS AS EFFICIENTLY AS WE CAN. ALL  
22 RIGHT. AND THAT IS CLEARLY WITHIN THE PREROGATIVE OF THE CHAIR  
23 TO DO SO. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? MA'AM?

24



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1 **SKYE COSTELLOE:** HI, MY NAME IS SKYE COSTELLOE. I'M HERE WITH  
2 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSITION.  
3 I THINK THAT IT TEARS COMMUNITIES APART, IT TEARS FAMILIES  
4 APART, AND IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING  
5 THE JAIL POPULATION TODAY. CURRENTLY, THE PRISONS ARE AT 137.5  
6 PERCENT CAPACITY. AND EVEN WITH THIS NEW PROPOSAL, IT'S STILL  
7 37.5 PERCENT OVERCROWDED. AND I THINK THAT IF WE LOOK  
8 HISTORICALLY AT THE WAY THAT PRISON EXPANSION HAS FUNCTIONED  
9 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, YOU'LL SEE THAT MORE JAIL CELLS,  
10 MORE CAPACITY HAS JUST LED TO MORE INCARCERATION. WE DON'T  
11 NEED MORE PEOPLE IN JAIL. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE IN THE  
12 COMMUNITIES GETTING WELL AND OVERCOMING POVERTY. I THINK THAT  
13 WE NEED TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY-ORIENTED SOLUTIONS LIKE BRINGING  
14 PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY TO STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUTH.  
15 YEAH. PLEASE OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. IT'S HORRIBLE AND IT TEARS  
16 PEOPLE APART.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19 SIR?

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AGAIN THIS IS  
22 ANOTHER ITEM THAT IS SPUN HERE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT  
23 STARTS WITH THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING INMATES WITH LONG TERM  
24 SENTENCES. WE WILL WHERE ARE THE LONG TERM SENTENCED INMATES  
25 COMING FROM? THEY'RE COMING DOWN FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARIES



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1 INTO THE COUNTY. SO WHY ISN'T THE STATE DIRECTLY CONTRACTING  
2 WITH TAFT TO HOUSE THESE INMATES? THEN IT MENTIONS AN  
3 IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE M7 INMATES POPULATION. EXCLUSIVE OF THE  
4 LONG-TERM INMATES. THEN IT MENTIONS ADDITIONAL FIRE CAMP BEDS.  
5 WELL, TAFT IS NOT A FIRE CAMP. SO FIRE CAMP BEDS HERE ARE  
6 ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SUBJECT. BUT THE PUBLIC GETS ONE MINUTE. SO  
7 HOW, SIR, DO YOU EXPECT THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THREE  
8 DIFFERENT ITEMS IN ONE AGENDIZED ITEM IN A COHERENT MANNER  
9 WHILE YOU'RE JUST GOING TO VOTE YES? YOU MENTION TO QUALIFY  
10 YOUR TIME. WHY DON'T YOU QUALIFY THE PUBLIC'S TIME?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY IT  
13 FOR THE RECORD. THE PUBLIC IS BEING AFFORDED IN EXCESS OF 30  
14 MINUTES ON THIS ITEM. ADDITIONALLY YOU SHOULDN'T PREJUDGE THE  
15 VOTE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS:** MY NAME IS ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS. I'M  
18 OPPOSED TO THIS, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO LEAVE THE  
19 MONEY-- TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTY. WE NEED THE MONEY  
20 OVER HERE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND ALSO IT'S  
21 BAD FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE INMATES WHO TRAVEL SO FAR. PLEASE,  
22 LET'S TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE OVER HERE, AND USE OUR MONEY IN  
23 THE COUNTY, NOT IN OTHER COUNTIES. ALSO, WE NEED MORE  
24 EDUCATION. IF WE DON'T EMPHASIS IN EDUCATION, AFTER SCHOOL  
25 PROGRAMS OR SKILL TRAINING CENTERS, WE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE



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1 PROBLEMS WITH JAILS. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT EDUCATION.

2 LET'S REFORM THE JAIL SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

5 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. ROBERT GORDH. JERI

6 DEITRICK. BRANDON ELLIOTT. LOIS LEE. IF YOU WOULD ALL COME

7 FORWARD, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. DANIEL HEALY. PETER ELIASBERG.

8 SHEILA PINKEL. MARY SUTTON. ALBERTO CAZAREZ. FELISA WILLIAMS.

9 RUTH DARBY. JERILYN STAPLETON. I THINK YOU TESTIFIED ON THIS.

10 JULIO MARQUEZ. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. REVEREND LEONARD JACKSON. AND

11 TERESIJA SIGMUND. I CALLED ALL OF YOUR NAMES. I WILL NOT BE

12 INCLINED TO CALL THEM AGAIN. YOU'VE HEARD YOUR NAMES, PLEASE

13 COME FORWARD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, SIR.

14

15 **MARIO RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S MARIO.

16 I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. L.A.

17 COUNTY HAS CAUSED LONG LASTING MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL

18 HEALTH ISSUES IN MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES, COUNTY JAIL. BOTH THOSE

19 ON THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE, FAMILY MEMBERS. WHY ARE YOU

20 CONSIDERING EXPANDING A SYSTEM THAT IS ENACTING BRUTAL

21 VIOLENCE AND MOSTLY THE POPULATION IS BLACK AND BROWN? THE

22 F.B.I. HAS AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF L.A. COUNTY. YOU SHOULD

23 BE PLANNING ON HOW TO CREATE RESOURCES FOR SAFETY LIVING IN

24 OUR COMMUNITY, NOT INVESTING IN BRUTALITY AND MAYHEM. WHY NOT

25 CREATE EDUCATION-BASED HOUSING RATHER THAN CELL BLOCK HOUSING?



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1 THE MAJORITY OF INMATES IN L.A. COUNTY ARE INCARCERATED FOR  
2 MINOR CRIMES. 86 PERCENT OF THESE INMATES ARE BEHIND BARS FOR  
3 NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. IN THE PROMISE OF RE-ALIGNMENT THE COUNTY  
4 AGREED TO RELEASE NONVIOLENT, NONSEXUAL AND NON-SERIOUS  
5 OFFENDERS. CAN YOU PLEASE KEEP THIS PROMISE? WHY FOCUS ON  
6 SPENDING MORE MONEY TO INCREASE TIME LOCK UP FOR THE  
7 POPULATION OF 7 PERCENT WHEN WE COULD INVEST IN ACTUALLY  
8 EQUIPPING IN THE 86 PERCENT. POPULATION?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE  
11 APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL MOVE  
12 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

13

14 **EMILIO LACQUES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S EMILIO. I'M WITH THE  
15 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON  
16 CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY OF TAFT FOR THESE EXTRA JAIL BEDS.  
17 THIS PLAN ALSO MEANS ALMOST NO VISITS AND LITTLE TO NO CONTACT  
18 FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE INCARCERATED AND NO OVERSIGHT OVER THE  
19 CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT BY THE FAMILIES, ADVOCATES AND  
20 ORGANIZERS IN L.A., INCLUDING A LOT OF US THAT ARE HERE TODAY.  
21 AND THE SHERIFF SAID THIS WILL COST L.A. COUNTY \$11 MILLION.  
22 IT WILL ACTUALLY COST THEM CLOSER TO \$20 MILLION, WHICH IS  
23 INACCURATE. OUR COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES ARE  
24 CLEAR, FEASIBLE, DEEPLY FELT AND WIDELY FELT. WE NEED TO  
25 REDIRECT THE REALIGNMENT MONEY BACK INTO COMMUNITY-RUN



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1 SOLUTIONS AND NOT SHERIFF-RUN SOLUTIONS TO CREATE REAL PUBLIC  
2 SAFETY AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO NEED TO END ATTENTION  
3 FOR OUR UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE ON I.C.E. HOLD  
4 FOR MINOR CHARGES. WE COME HERE BECAUSE WE SEE THAT THIS TAFT  
5 PLAN SEEMS LIKE THE DECISIONS WERE ALREADY MADE. AND WE WANT  
6 IT TO BE KNOWN ON PUBLIC RECORD THAT THE PUBLIC DOES NOT  
7 SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
10 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO  
11 COME FORWARD SHOULD DO SO NOW. SIR?

12

13 **ROBERT GORDH:** MY NAME IS ROBERT GORDH. CHANGES IN LAW AND  
14 PUBLIC POLICY ARE COMING. THEY ARE HAPPENING. FOR EXAMPLE,  
15 WHETHER THE GOVERNOR SIGNS S.B.649 OR NOT, RECONSIDERATION OF  
16 TREATING SIMPLE POSSESSION AS A CRIMINAL MATTER IS ON THE WAY.  
17 AND THIS RECONSIDERATION IS LONG OVERDUE BECAUSE THE WAR ON  
18 DRUGS IS INEFFECTIVE, INHUMANE AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY AND  
19 NEEDS TO END. IT'S NOT GOING TO END RIGHT AWAY, BUT I THINK  
20 OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.  
21 ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER'S RECENT DIRECTIVES TO HIS PROSECUTORS  
22 ARE ANOTHER INDICATOR OF CHANGE THAT WILL REDUCE  
23 INCARCERATION. SO LET US NOT ADD FURTHER SPACES TO INCARCERATE  
24 PEOPLE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

3

4 **JERRI DEITRICK:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
5 JERRI DEITRICK.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN LOWER THAT. LOWER YOUR  
8 MICROPHONE. THERE YOU GO.

9

10 **JERRI DEITRICK:** OH, MICROPHONE. THANK YOU. I THOUGHT YOU  
11 WANTED ME TO MOVE. MY NAME IS JERRI DEITRICK AND I'M MEMBER OF  
12 L.A. NO MORE JAILS AND A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, SUPERVISOR  
13 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE A NO  
14 VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER INMATES TO KERN COUNTY. I'D  
15 LIKE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT TACK TO WHAT YOU'RE USED TO. AND I  
16 WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT: DON'T THINK ABOUT THE PRISONERS  
17 AND THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR POTENTIAL LOSS OF LIFE FROM THE  
18 FUNGUS WHICH CAUSES VALLEY FEVER. LET'S THINK ABOUT THE  
19 C.E.O.S AND OTHER PRISON EMPLOYEES WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE  
20 COVERED BY UNION CONTRACTS. IF AS MUCH AS ONE EMPLOYEE SUED  
21 FOR MEDICAL COSTS FOR THEIR ILLNESS CAUSED BY WORKING THIS  
22 DISEASE-RIDDEN PRISON, THE COST TO THE COUNTY WOULD OUTWEIGH  
23 ANY FINANCIAL BENEFIT BY USING TAFT. ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE  
24 TO SAY WE WANT SENTENCING REFORM AND ALTERNATIVES TO



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1 INCARCERATION SUCH AS PRETRIAL RELEASE, COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR  
2 WITH OR WITHOUT MONITORING AND SPLIT SENTENCES.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
5 VERY MUCH. SIR, SIR, SIR.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I  
8 STRONGLY URGE YOU NOT TO SEND INMATES TO TAFT BECAUSE MY  
9 FATHER WAS THERE FOR TWO YEARS. HE WAS IN THE FEDERAL  
10 FACILITY, WHICH IS FOUR MILES AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY  
11 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. AND WHILE THERE, HE ACQUIRED VALLEY  
12 FEVER. HE HAD A VERY SEVERE FORM OF IT. HE DEVELOPED  
13 MENINGITIS. HE COLLAPSED, WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL AND  
14 THEN DIAGNOSED AT THE HOSPITAL. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
15 TRANSFERRED HOSPITALS A COUPLE MORE TIMES BEFORE BEING  
16 TRANSFERRED TO TERMINAL ISLAND WHERE HE HAD TO SEEK MEDICAL  
17 ATTENTION AND THEY HAD TO PUT A SHUNT IN HIS BRAIN. HE HAS  
18 BEEN OUT OF PRISON FOR 13 MONTHS NOW AND HAVING SPENT SEVEN  
19 MUCH THOSE MONTHS IN THE HOSPITAL. HE IS 6' 1 AND HE WEIGHS  
20 ONLY 130 POUNDS. HE HAS PARALYSIS ON HIS LEFT SIDE AND HE'S  
21 VERY WEAK. HE REQUIRES MEDICATION THAT COSTS \$16,000 A DOSE  
22 AND HE NEEDS IT EVERY DAY. HE HAS HOSPITAL BILLS OF OVER \$2  
23 MILLION. SO YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE \$61 A DAY THAT IT  
24 COSTS TO HOUSE AN INMATE IN TAFT BUT YOU'RE LOOK AT A LOT OF



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1 MEDICAL COSTS. I STRONGLY URGE YOU BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC  
2 HEALTH RISKS TO RECONSIDER.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 AND WE NOW TURN TO YOU, SIR.

6

7 **BRANDON ELLIOTT:** THANK YOU. AND I'M GLAD TO BE BACK HERE. MY  
8 NAME IS BRANDON ELLIOTT. YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE PEOPLE  
9 DO NOT NEED 500 MORE JAIL BEDS. YET HERE THERE'S A CALL FOR A  
10 COMMITMENT OF \$20 MILLION A YEAR TO BANISH MORE HUMAN SOULS TO  
11 CAGES IN A FARAWAY PLACE. THAT 20 MILLION COULD BE INVESTED IN  
12 L.A. U.S.D. SCHOOLS. SOMETHING LIKE I THINK AS A WAY GREATER  
13 INVESTMENT THAN IN THESE BEDS. THAT'S A CAUSE TO CHAMPION. NOT  
14 THE BUILDING OR LEASING OF MORE JAIL BEDS HAVE WHICH IS HIGHLY  
15 UNETHICAL AND UNNECESSARY BECAUSE THEY LIE AND SAY THEY NEED  
16 MORE JAIL BEDS WHEN THE JAIL BED ISSUES WOULD BE FIXED LIKE  
17 REFORMING THE BAIL SYSTEM TO GIVE PEOPLE FAIR RATES TO BAIL  
18 OUT, TO BE REITERATE, AND DETENTION OF PEOPLE ON I.C.E., FOR  
19 MINOR CHARGES AS MY FRIEND SAID. AND IN THE USE OF JAILS FOR  
20 MINOR TRAFFIC WARRANTS AND LOW LEVEL MISDEMEANORS AND ENDING  
21 THE USE OF JAILS TO WAREHOUSE PEOPLE WHO NEED DRUG TREATMENT  
22 AMONG OTHER SOLUTIONS. AND FURTHERMORE, THE FAMILIES WILL NOT  
23 BE ABLE TO VISIT THEIR LOVED ONES ALL THE WAY IN TAFT. IT'S  
24 119 MILES, TWO AND A HALF HOURS BY DRIVING AND MANY L.A.  
25 FAMILIES TAKE THE BUS. IT'S LIKE WE'RE BEING SET UP FOR



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1 FAILURE AND I ASK WHY. THIS 500 BED PROPOSAL IS A BURDEN ON  
2 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. IT'S MONEY FOR OTHERS AND  
3 THAT'S WHY THEY WANT TO BUILD IT. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU  
4 ALL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
7 SIR. ALL RIGHT. SIR?

8

9 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ABOUT  
10 FIVE YEARS AGO THE COUNTY HIRED THE VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE  
11 TO DO A STUDY ON JAIL OVERCROWDING. ONE OF THE REPORTS OF VERA  
12 WAS THAT THE PRETRIAL SYSTEM IN L.A. WAS BROKEN AND THAT THERE  
13 WERE 700 OR MORE LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS IN THE JAIL WHO WOULD PAY  
14 NO RISK TO THE COMMUNITY BUT COULD NOT MAKE BAIL. THIS BOARD  
15 WITH ONE STROKE OF THE PEN CAN GIVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
16 THE AUTHORITY TO DO PRETRIAL RELEASE WITHOUT BAIL TO  
17 ELECTRONIC MONITORING. YOU'RE GETTING 500 BEDS AT TAFT. YOU  
18 COULD GET 700 BEDS WITH ONE STROKE OF THE PEN, ONE MOTION OF  
19 THIS BOARD. AND YET YOU'VE DEBATED TAFT ABOUT FOUR DIFFERENT  
20 TIMES AND NEVER ONCE HAVE YOU PUT THAT PROPOSAL ON THE AGENDA  
21 EVEN THOUGH SAN DIEGO COUNTY HAS GIVEN THE SHERIFF'S  
22 DEPARTMENT THAT AUTHORITY. RIVERSIDE COUNTY HAS GIVEN THE  
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT AUTHORITY. AND SEVEN OTHER  
24 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES HAVE GIVEN THAT AUTHORITY. WHY ARE YOU  
25 THINKING ABOUT SPENDING MONEY WHEN THE PRETRIAL RELEASE



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1 PROGRAM THAT YOU COULD DO THROUGH THIS STROKE OF THE PEN  
2 THROUGH ONE MOTION WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY? IT MAKES NO  
3 SENSE WHATSOEVER.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
6 TESTIMONY. MR. FUJIOKA, IF YOU'D BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO  
7 THAT, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF THE  
8 BOARD. MA'AM?

9

10 **SHEILA PINKEL:** YES. MY NAME IS SHEILA PINKEL, I'M WITH L.A. NO  
11 MORE JAILS. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT TAFT IS IN THE HEART OF  
12 VALLEY FEVER COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES. AND I WANT TO LEAVE  
13 THIS MAP THAT SHOWS EXACTLY WHERE VALLEY FEVER IS IN THE  
14 UNITED STATES WITH TAFT BEING IN THE HEART OF IT. LAST YEAR,  
15 AN INMATE WAS AWARDED \$425,000 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
16 BECAUSE HE HAD CONTRACTED VALLEY FEVER AT TAFT. SO IT'S  
17 UNCONSCIONABLE TO ALLOCATE ANY FUNDS FOR INMATES BEING HOUSED  
18 IN AN AREA THAT'S THIS UNHEALTHY. BY CONTRAST, I WANT TO POINT  
19 OUT THAT THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ HAS JUST BEEN COMMENDED FOR  
20 THEIR CREATION OF THE CUSTODY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM THAT SHIFTS  
21 INMATES TO HOME CONFINEMENT RATHER THAN JAIL INCARCERATION. I  
22 WOULD WISH THAT L.A. COUNTY WOULD BE THIS INNOVATIVE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE THANK  
25 YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?



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2 **ALBERTO CAZAREZ** : MY NAME'S ALBERTO CAZAREZ. I'M A YOUTH  
3 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO ASK  
4 YOU TO VOTE NO ON CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY OF TAFT TO LEASE  
5 OUT 512 ADDITIONAL BEDS. WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE  
6 I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY YOU WOULD EVEN CONSIDER EXPANDING  
7 JAILS INTO THE CITY OF TAFT. I EXPECT MORE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
8 WHY RISK LOCKING PEOPLE UP RATHER THAN CREATING ALTERNATIVES  
9 AND RESOURCES FOR THE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES. 1 PERCENT OF ALL  
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY EQUALS \$100 MILLION.  
11 JUST THIS 1 PERCENT CAN OPEN 50 COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR YOUTH,  
12 HIRE 500 INTERVENTION WORKERS AND PROVIDE 25,000 YOUTH SUMMER  
13 JOBS. IN MY LIFE, IF I DIDN'T HAVE A SAFE COMMUNITY SPACE TO  
14 GO TO, A MENTOR TO PROVIDE ME WITH RESOURCES AND IF I DIDN'T  
15 HAVE A JOB, THEN I WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE YOU PLAN TO  
16 LOCK UP IN TAFT. INVEST IN COMMUNITY, NOT JAILS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN**: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT TWO SPEAKERS. AND I ASSUME THESE ARE THE  
20 LAST TWO SPEAKERS. I SEE NO OTHER PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD.  
21 AM I CORRECT, SERGEANT? THANK YOU. AM I CORRECT? WELL THEN YOU  
22 NEED TO BE HERE. YOU MAY PROCEED, MA'AM.

23

24 **RUTH DARBY**: ME? MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS RUTH DARBY, AND I SEE  
25 YOU AT MY CHURCH CITY OF REFUGE. AND I REMEMBER YOU NEEDED MY



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1 VOTE. AND I VOTED FOR YOU. NOW I NEED YOUR HELP. I BEG YOU TO  
2 NOT SEND OUR BOYS AWAY IN A FAR AWAY PLACE. AND A LOT OF US  
3 DON'T HAVE MONEY TO TRAVEL WAY OUT TO VISIT. AND VISITS IS  
4 VERY IMPORTANT. AND IT'S ONLY SLAVE TRADE THAT THEY ARE  
5 SENDING THESE KIDS TO JAIL. NOW, I WOULD SAY NOW MY GRANDSON,  
6 HE WENT TO COLLEGE. HE WAS A RUNNING BACKER. HE NEVER HAD ANY  
7 TROUBLE. HE GOT PUT IN JAIL. THEY GAVE HIM A FELONY. NOW, WHEN  
8 YOU GET A FELONY, YOU CAN'T GET A JOB. HOW IN THE WORLD ARE  
9 YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO STAY OUT OF JAIL WITH A FELONY WHEN  
10 NOBODY WANTS TO HIRE YOU? PLEASE DO NOT SEND OUR BOYS AWAY.  
11 PLEASE. NOW, I GAVE YOU MY VOTE WHEN YOU NEEDED THE VOTE, I  
12 VOTED. SO I'M ASKING YOU, I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE LET OUR BOYS  
13 STAY IN L.A. DON'T SEND THEM WAY. JAIL IS NO GOOD. IT'S ONLY  
14 FOR SLAVE WORK. IT'S INJUSTICE AND IT NEEDS TO CHANGE. THANK  
15 YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
18 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW. I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO GET  
19 THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE'S ANY VOTE TRADING GOING ON IN HERE,  
20 THEREFORE WE'RE GOING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **RUTH DARBY:** SLAVE TRADE.

23

24 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
25 BOARD MEMBERS. I GOT CURIOUS. WHO ARE THESE M7S? YOU KNOW



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1 THAT'S THE OCCASION FOR THIS WAS BROUGHT UP BY A COUPLE OF  
2 SUPERVISORS, MOLINA, ANTONOVICH. AND I AM VERY GLAD THAT YOU  
3 ARE THERE OFTEN TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES,  
4 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES. AND I LIKE THAT. I DON'T THINK IT  
5 APPLIES WELL TO THIS. I GOT A COUPLE OF REASONS. FIRST A QUOTE  
6 FROM THE PEW STUDY ON TIME SERVED. THE QUESTION FOR  
7 POLICYMAKERS IS NOT WHETHER THE TOTAL COST IS HIGH BUT WHETHER  
8 INCREASING TIME SERVED IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MEANS OF  
9 PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY. WHERE HAS BEEN THE STUDY ABOUT  
10 INCREASING THE TIME SERVED OF THESE M7S AND ITS RELATIONSHIP  
11 TO PUBLIC SAFETY? WE KNOW IT'S A DISASTROUS RELATIONSHIP TO  
12 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. \$40 MILLION? THAT'S THE FIGURE  
13 CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD GET FROM THE  
14 STATE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS. THERE ARE MANY  
15 THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE TO THAT. HELP TO THOSE IMPACTED  
16 COMMUNITIES THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH LISTED THAT OBVIOUSLY  
17 NEED MORE SERVICES, MORE PATROLS, WHATEVER. A LOT IS NEEDED.  
18 BUT IT HASN'T BEEN-- WHO ARE THESE M7S? I TOOK A LOOK. I READ  
19 THE PENAL CODE SECTIONS, AND THESE FOLKS WERE FOUND SUITABLE  
20 BY THE PROSECUTOR, BY THE JUDGES TO SERVE COUNTY TIME. ARE YOU  
21 CHANGING IT? P.C.290 CALLED CHILD MOLESTATION IN THAT LIST IS  
22 ACTUALLY ABOUT SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION. THAT'S IMPORTANT.  
23 BUT IT'S NOT--

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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2 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THIS HAS NOT BEEN LOOKED INTO ZERO.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE THANK  
5 YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINAL SPEAKER, I THINK? MA'AM?

6

7 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** I WONDER WHAT YOU PEOPLE ARE DOING HERE.  
8 YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE TALKING TO YOU.  
9 YOU ARE MAKING THESE STRANGE RULES AS YOU GO. YOU ARE NOT  
10 LISTENING TO THE WORLD. YOU HAVE FIVE TIMES MORE PRISONERS IN  
11 HERE THAN YOU DO IN THE WORLD, IN THE U.S. AND YOU HAVE EVEN  
12 MORE PRISONERS IN L.A. THAN ANYWHERE ELSE. WHEN IS IT GOING TO  
13 DROP? YOU NEED TO TRIM YOUR FAT. I'M NOT TALKING YOUR WEIGHT.  
14 YOUR FAT. MEANING, ALL THESE PRISONERS THAT DON'T BELONG IN  
15 THE SYSTEM. EVEN ERIC HOLDER DUDE IS SAYING, HEY, FORGET THE  
16 WHOLE DRUG THING WITH THESE LITTLE OFFENDERS. WHY DON'T YOU  
17 RETROACTIVELY GET THOSE PEOPLE OFF? AND IF YOU WANT TO KNOW  
18 WHAT JUSTICE IN L.A. IS LIKE, I'M NOT GOING TO NAME NAMES,  
19 THERE'S THIS BROWN PERSON BROKE INTO THE CAR, TWO YEARS IN  
20 PRISON. THERE'S THIS WHITE PERSON WHO WENT SHOPPING TO BARNEYS  
21 WHO HAD HIS HOUSEKEEPER STEAL THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS OF  
22 CLOTHES. HE SAID IT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT GOT CAUGHT. HE  
23 PAYS FOR EVERYTHING. HE MADE A \$50,000 DONATION TO THE  
24 FAVORITE CHARITY, NEVER BEEN PROSECUTED. THAT'S JUSTICE IN  
25 L.A. COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR  
3 YOUR TESTIMONY. THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN HEARD ON THIS IN A VERY  
4 CLEAR MANNER. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL  
5 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO BE MADE? SUPERVISOR? YES, I ASKED FOR  
6 THE C.E.O. TO WEIGH IN.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. ELIASBERG IS COMING.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU RECALL MY ASKING YOU. HIS  
11 QUESTION WAS ABOUT WHETHER THERE WAS AN EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF  
12 ALTERNATIVES, SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE MODELS IN OTHER  
13 JURISDICTIONS, NOT ONLY IN THE STATE BUT ACROSS THE NATION.  
14 THE ASSERTION IS THAT THIS IS A FAR MORE COSTLY WAY TO MANAGE  
15 THESE PERSONS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED THE LAW AND WHO HAVE  
16 BEEN SENTENCED ACCORDINGLY. HE MADE REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC  
17 COST SAVINGS. DO YOU RECALL THE COMMENTS THAT HE MADE?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN RESPOND TO THAT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE ISSUE OF ALTERNATIVES, I BELIEVE OUR  
24 REVIEW HASN'T BEEN TOTALLY COMPLETED. THAT'S STILL PART OF THE  
25 PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW WITH VANIR AND OUR



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1 OTHER CONSULTANTS RELATED TO THE OVERALL JAIL PLAN. WHAT WE'RE  
2 TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW ARE 500 BEDS THAT I BELIEVE ARE  
3 CRITICALLY NEEDED, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE BOARD'S INTEREST  
4 IN ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS SERVE THEIR FULL TERM OR AT LEAST  
5 MUCH LONGER THAN THEY CURRENTLY SERVE RIGHT NOW. THE  
6 ALTERNATIVES ARE SOMETHING THAT WE STILL NEED TO LOOK AT. BUT  
7 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION, THESE ARE 500  
8 BEDS. WE STILL HAVE CLOSE TO 18,000 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR JAILS.  
9 AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THAT ISSUE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA. THAT  
12 ADDRESSES THE ISSUE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THEN I WISH TO-  
13 - ANYONE ELSE WANT TO BE HEARD?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST ONE POINT ON M7 CHARGES, THOSE INCLUDE  
16 RAPE, CHILD MOLESTATION, CHILD ABUSE, KIDNAPPING, MAYHEM, SEX  
17 OFFENDERS WHO CONTINUE TO FAIL TO REGISTER, CARJACKING. IT  
18 INCLUDES THE LIST OF M7S.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY ADDITIONAL  
21 COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? LET ME JUST OFFER THIS POINT OF VIEW.  
22 BY INDICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE WORK OF THAT  
23 OFFICE AS WELL AS VANIR IS YET TO BE COMPLETE. AND THE  
24 PROMPTING OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT WERE INITIALLY SET FORTH  
25 WAS THE RESULT OF A YAROSLAVSKY MOTION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. AND



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1 I THINK THE C.E.O.'S ORIGINAL REPORT, THIS PRE-DATES THE VANIR  
2 WORK THAT WAS DONE ESSENTIALLY PLAYED OUT, THAT IS TO SAY LAID  
3 OUT THE VARIOUS OPTIONS. AND I GUESS WHAT I WANT TO OFFER BY  
4 WAY OF CONSIDERATION IS THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY'S YET TO  
5 COMPLETE ITS JAIL PLAN AFTER HAVING CONTRACTED WITH VANIR, IN  
6 OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE HAD ONE REPORT FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE  
7 WHICH WE SAID DESERVED MORE CONSIDERATION, THAT WAS  
8 INCOMPLETE. WE HAVE VANIR THAT'S INCOMPLETE. WE HAVE D.O.J.  
9 WEIGHING IN SAYING "WAIT, YOU NEED TO BE CONSIDERATE OF WHAT  
10 OUR CONCERNS ARE." I THINK TO MOVE THIS ISSUE FORWARD AT THIS  
11 POINT IS PLACING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. I RESERVE JUDGMENT  
12 WITH RESPECT TO ULTIMATELY AS TO WHETHER THIS IS A GOOD IDEA,  
13 BUT I WOULD BE MUCH MORE INCLINED TO ADOPT THIS OR CONSIDER IT  
14 FOR ADOPTION WHEN WE HAD A FULLER AND MORE COMPLETE  
15 DISPOSITION OF THE MATTER. APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, IN MY VIEW,  
16 IS AT BEST PREMATURE AND AT WORSE INCONSISTENT WITH THE  
17 ONGOING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. I WANT TO  
18 RESTATE THAT I AM NOT UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TODAY THE  
19 CONSIDERATION; BUT ABSENT THE WHOLE PACKAGE BEING PRESENTED, I  
20 HAVE SUBSTANTIAL UNREADINESS THE ADOPTION OF THAT WHICH COMES  
21 BEFORE US IN TERMS OF 31 AND 32-E. ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD WISH TO COMMENT AT THIS POINT? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I FEEL A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY FRANKLY, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE SHOULD  
4 HAVE HAD A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE  
5 PROBABLY, YOU KNOW, YEARS AGO FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HOW WE  
6 ARE MANAGING OUR JAIL POPULATION. BUT WHAT YOU HAVE HERE AND  
7 BEFORE YOU IS SORT OF AN OPPORTUNITY. FIRST OF ALL, WE  
8 UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN  
9 UP OUR FIRE CAMPS AND PUT OUR MONEY INTO IT AND START MOVING  
10 SOME OF OUR POPULATION INTO IT. THAT AGAIN IS GOING TO  
11 QUALIFY. NOT EVERYONE. BUT THE TAFT ITEM, AS WELL, IS AN  
12 OPPORTUNITY, AS WELL. IT ISN'T ALL THAT FAR AWAY, NUMBER ONE.  
13 THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO WILL SAY THAT IT'S FAR AWAY, OF  
14 COURSE. BECAUSE THE REALITY IS IT GIVES US A REAL OPPORTUNITY  
15 TO DEAL WITH A VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND  
16 THAT IS THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO GET THOSE PEOPLE THAT COMMIT  
17 THE WORST CRIMES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE SENTENCED TO OUR  
18 COUNTY JAILS TO HOPEFULLY SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME. AND  
19 WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT  
20 THAT ONE OF THE REASONS-- WE ALREADY KNOW THAT MANY OF THESE  
21 FOLKS THAT ARE ANYTHING FROM CHILD PREDATORS TO OTHER KIND OF  
22 SEXUAL CRIMES TO BATTERY, TO ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF  
23 CRIME, THAT THEY GO IN WITH THE IDEA THAT MORE THAN LIKELY  
24 THEY WILL ONLY SPEND 50 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME THERE. THEN  
25 AFTER THAT, IT'S DETERMINED THAT POTENTIALLY THEY MAY ONLY



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1 SERVE 20 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH  
2 SPACE TO MAINTAIN EVERYONE. SO EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE MANY  
3 PEOPLE AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY GOOD CITIZENS THAT GO INTO OUR  
4 JURIES AND WE THINK THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE BEING SENTENCED  
5 APPROPRIATELY FOR WHATEVER CRIME THEY COMMIT, AT THE END OF  
6 THE DAY THEY AREN'T SERVING THEIR TIME. SO THIS IS AN EFFORT  
7 AND I THINK AN OPTION AVAILABLE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT  
8 THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH TAFT, AND WE'RE IN A  
9 POSITION TO START MOVING FORWARD. IF YOU LOOK AT THE COST, IT  
10 IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN A JAIL BED IN L.A. COUNTY. SO IT IS  
11 DESERVING OF OUR ATTENTION. IT IS DESERVING OF OUR APPROVAL.  
12 AND I THINK IT MOVES US IN A DIRECTION. WHILE WE'RE NOT THERE  
13 YET AT THIS POINT WITH THE ADDITIONAL BEDS TO GET ALL OF WHAT  
14 ARE KNOWN AS OUR M7S, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CRIME AT  
15 THIS POINT THAT USUALLY SERVE WITHIN OUR COUNTY JAILS TO START  
16 SERVING OR START THE PROCESSING OF TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT  
17 THEY ARE SERVING 100 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE FROM THE  
18 STANDPOINT THAT OTHER THAN, YOU KNOW, THE OTHER KIND OF STATE  
19 MANDATED OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO RELEASE PRISONERS, I  
20 THINK THAT WHEN YOU TALK TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, A LOT OF  
21 PEOPLE SAY WE'RE NOT LISTENING. I KNOW I'M LISTENING TO MY  
22 COMMUNITY WHEN I ATTEND MANY OF THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WELL  
23 AS ALL OF OUR SAFETY ISSUES AND FORUMS THAT WE HAVE IN THE  
24 COMMUNITY, THERE IS CONCERN. AND WHEN SOMEBODY BREAKS INTO A  
25 HOUSE, SOMEBODY BREAKS INTO A CAR, SOMEBODY IS MURDERED IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY, THE ISSUE ALWAYS COMES UP THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE OUT  
2 AND THEY ARE NOT BEING, YOU KNOW, SENTENCED TO LONGER TERMS  
3 AND SO ON. SO THE REALITY IS THAT I KNOW THAT THE GENERAL  
4 PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE PUBLIC SERVE 100 PERCENT OF  
5 THEIR TIME. WHAT WE HAVE WITH TAFT IS AN OPPORTUNITY. AND IT'S  
6 AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL LEAVE US IF WE DON'T ACT AS QUICKLY  
7 AS POSSIBLE. SO CONSEQUENTLY, I MOVE THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S PROPERLY MOVED.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHERIFF, ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, RELATIVE TO THE  
14 MOTION THAT WE HAD PUT IN ON THE M7 INMATES INDICATED ON PAGE  
15 4, CONTRACTING WITH TAFT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE TIME AND  
16 FLEXIBILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER AND RESEARCH  
17 ALTERNATIVE THE CUSTODY PROGRAMS. AND THEN ON THE LONG TERM  
18 CONCEPTS HE HAD MENTIONED THE COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE  
19 CUSTODY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS FIVE LOCATIONS WITHIN L.A.  
20 COUNTY WHO HOUSE FEMALE INMATES.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY  
23 MOVED AND SECONDED. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THERE ARE SOME  
24 OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS THAT I THINK CAN AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED  
25 IN TERMS OF THE CORRELATION BETWEEN INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE



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1 OF TIME SERVED FOR INMATES AND THE VERY ISSUE THAT WE FIGURE  
2 TO BE RATHER VEXING, THAT IS RECIDIVISM. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME  
3 FURTHER THAT WE CAN/SHOULD TRY TO BE AS POLICY COHERENT AS  
4 POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF PRETRIAL AND  
5 PREADJUDICATED POPULATION, WHICH ENCOMPASSES, AS WE ALL KNOW,  
6 A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THE POPULATION IN COUNTY JAILS. AND IT  
7 SEEMS THAT THE REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ANALYSTS  
8 THAT HAVE COME FORWARD HAVE YET TO SATISFACTORILY SPEAK TO  
9 THAT IN THE ALTERNATIVES THAT THEY HAVE PUT FORTH PARTICULARLY  
10 AS IT RELATES TO THE M3 POPULATION OF THOSE LONG TERM  
11 SENTENCING OF THOSE INMATES. AND FINALLY, THE QUESTION IS THE  
12 EXPECTED RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT THAT WOULD COME ABOUT BY  
13 APPROVING THIS CONTRACT WITH TAFT. I WANT TO SAY I RAISE THESE  
14 QUESTIONS IN THE INTEREST OF PUSHING US TO COME FORWARD WITH  
15 THAT WHICH IS MORE COMPREHENSIVE. I AM HARDLY PREPARED TO  
16 REJECT THE IDEA OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA. YOU ELOQUENTLY MAKE THE  
17 POINT THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. I'M HARDLY INCLINED TO BE  
18 DISMISSIVE OF THAT POINT OF VIEW. BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT  
19 SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE IS A STRONG ARGUMENT TO BE MADE TO MAKE  
20 SURE THAT THE VARIOUS PIECES THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN TO ARE MORE  
21 CLEARLY AND APPROPRIATELY PINNED DOWN. WE SPENT A FAIR AMOUNT  
22 OF MONEY ASKING THESE CONSULTANTS AND ASKING OUR OWN STAFF TO  
23 DO THE WORK. THEIR WORK BY THEIR OWN ADMISSION, BY THE C.E.O.  
24 AND THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT VANIR IS NOT DONE WITH THEIR WORK  
25 BECAUSE WE SENT THEM BACK TO DO IT MORE CAREFULLY. SO MY



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1 STRONG SENSE IS THAT WE ARE A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF THE GAME  
2 HERE. I DON'T CRITICIZE ANYONE FOR TRYING TO PUSH FORWARD TO  
3 MAKE SURE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. I JUST  
4 THINK THAT WE ARE BETTER SERVED AND MORE WELL ADVISED TO COME  
5 BACK WITH A COMPLETED PROJECT AND THEN TO DISPOSE OF IT  
6 ACCORDINGLY. THE MOTION HAS BEEN STATED AS CLEARLY TO ADOPT  
7 AND MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
8 IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM? SEEING NONE,  
9 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. THERE'S TWO ITEMS. SO ITEM  
12 NO. 31 IS JUST A RECEIVE AND FILE ON THE REPORT THAT WAS  
13 PRESENTED. BUT ITEM 32-E IS ACTUALLY THE ITEM MOVING THE  
14 CONTRACT FORWARD WITH THE CITY OF TAFT. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU  
15 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP TWO VOTES? OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
16 THEM TOGETHER.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM IS  
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION. LET'S TAKE 32-E. SUPERVISOR?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. FUJIOKA A QUESTION.  
22 HOW ARE WE PROPOSING TO PAY FOR THIS?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WAS THE INTENT TO USE MONEY FROM A.B.109  
25 AND THE MECHANISM ASSOCIATED WITH FUNDING A PROGRAM LIKE THIS



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1 FROM 109. AND THAT MECHANISM WOULD BE FOR THE SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AN INVOICE DOCUMENTING WHAT SERVICES IT  
3 PROVIDED FOR THAT PROGRAM. IT WILL COME TO OUR OFFICE TO BE  
4 REVIEWED, SUBSEQUENTLY GO TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WHO WILL  
5 ALSO REVIEW AND APPROVE IT. FOR THIS YEAR, THIS UPCOMING YEAR  
6 WE WILL BE USING 109 DOLLARS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT ABOUT SUBSEQUENT YEARS?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SUBSEQUENT YEARS WE'LL ADDRESS IT IN THE  
11 BUDGET FOR '14/'15. AT THAT POINT WELL HAVE TO IDENTIFY  
12 ONGOING N.C.C. FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS CONTRACT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE 109 MONEY THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING TO USE  
15 THE FIRST YEAR, ONE-TIME MONEY?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WE HAVE MONEY THAT'S IN THE TRUST ACCOUNT  
18 RIGHT NOW THAT WE HAVE THAT MONEY BECAUSE PROBATION HAS NOT  
19 BEEN ABLE TO FILL THEIR POSITIONS. SO WE HAVE THOSE FUNDS.  
20 WE'LL BE USING IT FOR THE FIRST YEAR. AND THEN IN SUBSEQUENT  
21 YEARS, THERE WILL BE SOME GROWTH DOLLARS ASSOCIATED WITH 109  
22 THAT WOULD BE ONGOING DOLLARS. IT IS AT THIS JUNCTURE TODAY IN  
23 LATE SEPTEMBER, IT'S DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY EXACTLY WHAT THE--  
24 IT WILL BE JUST 109 MONEY OR STRAIGHT N.C.C. DOLLARS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW MUCH 109 MONEY IS IN THE TRUST FUND?

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE ABOUT 10 MILLION RIGHT NOW.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT WON'T EVEN COVER THE WHOLE FIRST  
6 YEAR?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE FIRST YEAR IT'S ANTICIPATED BETWEEN 10 AND  
9 \$11 MILLION. THE RANGE I HEARD FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT I  
10 THINK IS THE LOW IS 9. IT COULD BE HIGHER DEPENDING UPON  
11 WHETHER OR NOT THIS POPULATION HAS MEDICAL COSTS. BUT THE  
12 FIGURE RIGHT NOW, I THINK THE CLOSEST FIGURE THEY'VE  
13 IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST ACCURATE IS BETWEEN 10 AND \$11 MILLION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE  
16 WERE \$22 MILLION TOTAL IN THE UNALLOCATED OR UNSPENT FUNDS IN  
17 THE 109. MAYBE YOU CAN CHECK THAT OUT.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN CHECK THAT OUT AND GET BACK TO YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IN EITHER CASE, SO THESE ARE FUNDS THAT  
22 WERE SUPPOSED TO BE USED TO HIRE PROBATION OFFICERS?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL THESE ARE FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY STILL  
25 IN THE TRUST FUND THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE



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1 DEPARTMENTS. SOME OF IT IS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PROBATION NOT  
2 FILLING THOSE POSITIONS. NEXT YEAR WE ALSO HAVE SOME GROWTH  
3 DOLLARS THAT ARE COMING TO THIS COUNTY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN  
4 PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '14/'15, WE WILL IDENTIFY  
5 THE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR THIS ENDEAVOR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR WHICH ENDEAVOR?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FOR THIS EFFORT, FOR THE TAFT PROJECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FUNDS THAT WERE SUPPOSED  
12 TO BE USED IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT WILL NOW BE  
13 DIVERTED TO TAFT? HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY, AS THE PROBATION  
14 DEPARTMENT RAMPS UP, WHATEVER IT IS THAT HAS HELD THEIR HIRING  
15 BACK, HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR THOSE SERVICES?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE INTENT AS WE MOVE FORWARD NEXT YEAR, FOR  
18 FISCAL YEAR '14/'15 IS THERE WILL BE SOME GROWTH DOLLARS IN  
19 A.B.109 AND THEY WILL COME BACK TO YOU HOW WE WILL FILL THE  
20 GAP WITH N.C.C. DOLLARS. MEANWHILE, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT  
21 WE HAVE IN THE CURRENT 109 BUDGET WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO  
22 ADDRESS PROBATION NEEDS ONCE THEY FILL THEIR POSITIONS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE NOT GET AN ONGOING ALLOCATION OF A.B.  
25 109 FUNDS?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. AND THAT WILL INCREASE NEXT YEAR.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW BY HOW MUCH? HOW MUCH DO WE GET  
5 THIS YEAR? HOW MUCH WOULD WE EXPECT TO GET?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN GET THAT TO YOU SHORTLY. I'M SURE STAFF  
8 ARE BEHIND ME THAT CAN SEND IT TO ME.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE MY QUESTION IS, REALLY AT THE END OF  
11 THE DAY MY QUESTION IS, ARE WE USING FUNDS THAT COULD HAVE  
12 BEEN AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
13 AND FOR DEALING WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RELEASED BACK  
14 INTO THE COMMUNITY AND INSTEAD WE'RE GOING TO USE IT ON A  
15 JAIL? WHAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE? THIS IS JUST A RHETORICAL  
16 QUESTION. WHAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USING THESE  
17 MONIES FOR TAFT AND TAKING THE 10 MILLION AND PUTTING IT INTO  
18 A POT FOR THE BILLION PLUS DOLLARS TO BUILD A NEW JAIL TO  
19 REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE MONEY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS PART OF OUR  
22 BASE ALLOCATION FOR A.B.109. WHAT'S IN THE TRUST FUND RIGHT  
23 NOW IS THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPENDED. THAT  
24 BASE ALLOCATION WILL INCREASE NEXT YEAR. THERE'S SOME  
25 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS WE WILL GET THROUGH THE A.B.109 PROGRAM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE MONEY THAT'S IN THE TRUST FUND NOW  
3 WAS MONEY THAT WAS PART OF THE BASE ALLOCATION FOR THIS YEAR  
4 AND MAYBE LAST YEAR?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND JUST WASN'T SPENT.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION TO USE THAT MONEY FOR  
11 THE TAFT CONTRACT RIGHT NOW. NEXT YEAR, THE BASE ALLOCATION  
12 WILL BE THE SAME AND WE'LL BE GIVING SOME ADDITIONAL DOLLARS,  
13 WHAT WE CHARACTERIZE AS GROWTH DOLLARS THAT COULD BE USED. AND  
14 THEN TO FILL THE GAP, WE'D IDENTIFY N.C.C. DOLLARS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT APPROVING A  
17 CONTRACT WHERE WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT'S GOING TO BE PAID  
18 FOR.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND THAT'S WHY INSTEAD OF MOVING  
21 TODAY WITH THAT APPROPRIATION IS THAT I'D COME BACK ON OCTOBER  
22 8TH WITH A FULL EXPLANATION OF WHAT DOLLARS WOULD BE USED TO  
23 FUND THIS CONTRACT. AND THEN WITH THAT WE PROVIDE AN  
24 EXPLANATION HOW WE WOULD HANDLE THIS ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE RUSH THEN ABOUT TODAY'S ITEM? WHY  
2 CAN'T THIS BE PUT OVER UNTIL WE HAVE THOSE DOLLAR FIGURES IN  
3 FRONT OF US AT THE SAME TIME? IS THERE A DEADLINE ON THE  
4 CONTRACT ON TAFT'S AVAILABILITY?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT IS ANXIOUS TO  
7 MOVE FORWARD. BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD WE NOT TAKE  
8 ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW, THIS WINDOW RIGHT  
9 NOW, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THESE BEDS COULD BE TAKEN BY THE  
10 STATE. SO RIGHT NOW, IF WE DON'T MOVE, IF THE SHERIFF CAN HELP  
11 ME, BUT I THINK WITHIN THE NEXT 30 TO NO MORE THAN 60 DAYS,  
12 IT'S HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE STATE WOULD COME IN AND TAKE  
13 THESE BEDS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF WE DON'T DO IT, THE STATE DOES IT. AND IF  
16 WE DO IT TODAY AND THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE TAFT TO GO TO, THEN  
17 THEY'RE GOING TO DUMP THEIR PEOPLE INTO OUR COUNTY JAIL MOST  
18 LIKELY. SO EXCUSE MY FRENCH, WE'RE SCREWED EITHER WAY. BUT,  
19 ANYWAY, THAT'S A RHETORICAL.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WISH I COULD ANSWER THAT.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN ON PAGE 3 OF THE C.E.O.'S--

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU DONE, MR. YAROSLAVSKY?  
2 OKAY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE C.E.O.'S LETTER ON PAGE 3, HE STATES  
5 FISCAL IMPACT. DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013-'14 THE STATE WILL BE  
6 PROVIDING COUNTIES WITH FUNDING TO SUPPORT A.B.109 PROGRAMS  
7 FOR THE CUSTODY, SUPERVISION AND REHABILITATION OF THE  
8 REALIGNED POPULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL UTILIZE ITS LOCAL  
9 ALLOCATION OF A.B.109 FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT WITH  
10 TAFT. SHOULD STATE FUNDING REDUCED THE SHERIFF WOULD RE-  
11 EVALUATE ALL A.B.109 PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT WITH  
12 TAFT. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS AMONG OTHERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED  
13 BEFORE TERMINATING THIS AGREEMENT. IT TALKS ABOUT THE TOTAL  
14 JAIL POPULATION, BED SPACE, PERCENTAGE OF TIME M.C.S SERVED,  
15 WHETHER REDUCTION OCCURRED. UNDER PAGE 3.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** LET'S DO ROLL CALL.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, AN ADDITIONAL REMARK  
20 IF YOU WOULD PERMIT, SUPERVISOR KNABE IS READY TO MOVE THE  
21 ITEM. THAT'S PERMISSIBLE. I SIMPLY WANT TO OFFER THESE  
22 INSIGHTS. IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS IS AGAIN PUTTING THE CART  
23 BEFORE THE HORSE. SECONDLY, AGAIN I WANT TO STATE THAT THIS IS  
24 PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. I SAY THAT WITHOUT  
25 PREJUDICE. THIS MAY WORK BUT IT NEEDS TO BE EVALUATED IN THE



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1 CONTEXT OF WHATEVER ELSE WE MAY NEED TO DO WITH THE ALLOCATION  
2 OF RESOURCES. THAT BECAME FULLY CLEAR PURSUANT TO THE LAST  
3 LINE OF INQUIRY. THIS IS NOT COOKED. OTHER USES ARE IN PLAY  
4 THAT ARE WORTHY FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS, HOUSING  
6 CONSIDERATIONS. A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN SOME OF THE REPORTS  
7 HAVE SPOKEN TO PROGRAM EVALUATION. CLAIMS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT  
8 EDUCATION-BASED INCARCERATION. AND A BIG DISCUSSION AROUND THE  
9 ISSUE OF COMPLIANCE CHECKS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE PRICE TAGS THAT  
10 ARE ATTACHED TO THEM. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I KNOW THAT EACH  
11 OF YOU IN VARIOUS DEGREES OF ACCENT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
12 LIST OF THINGS THAT I JUST SHARED IN TERMS OF ALTERNATIVE  
13 CONSIDERATIONS AND USES. IF THE LION'S SHARE OF THESE  
14 RESOURCES ARE TAKEN FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT LIMITS OUR ABILITY TO  
15 EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE PURSUANT TO OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES. THE  
16 MATTER IS BEFORE US. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABSTAIN.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TRIED TO  
12 READ MY MIND, I'M ABSTAINING, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED. NEXT  
17 ITEM, PLEASE.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, HE IS HOLDING SOME ITEMS NEXT. OR IF  
21 HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP ADJOURNMENTS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEMS THAT YOU'RE HOLDING,  
24 SUPERVISOR, YOU MAY NEED TO ASSIST HIM.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 12 AND ITEM NO. 32-D.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 12 AND 32-D.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ONE IS THIS?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 12 IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ON  
8 MEDICAL HOMES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MAY I ASK YOU IF YOU ARE GOING  
11 TO LEAVE, IF YOU WOULD RESPECT THE FACT THAT THE PROCEEDINGS  
12 ARE GOING FORWARD AND THAT YOU WOULD DO SO AS QUIETLY AS  
13 POSSIBLE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH  
16 THE GIST OF THIS. MY ONLY PROBLEM IS WITH ONE PHRASE, AND I'M  
17 GOING TO SUGGEST THAT IT BE MODIFIED. AND THE PHRASE IS IN THE  
18 RESOLVED PART OF THE MOTION WHERE IT SAYS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
19 ARE SIGNIFICANTLY CONSTRAINED BY EXISTING FACILITY DESIGN  
20 ELEMENTS AND TO IMPLEMENT A REASONABLE FACILITY REDESIGN PLAN  
21 THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY ENHANCE THE MEDICAL HOME AND OTHER  
22 DEPARTMENTS. TO ME THAT READS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DEVELOP A  
23 PLAN AND THEY'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN. I DON'T KNOW  
24 WHAT THE PLAN'S GOING TO BE. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT THE HEALTH  
25 DIRECTOR'S VIEWS ARE ON ALL OF THESE IN TERMS OF OPTIONS TO



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1 ADDRESS THE LEGITIMATE ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED IN THE MOTION.  
2 BUT I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT INSTEAD OF THE WORD IMPLEMENT  
3 THAT IT SAY "AND TO PROPOSE OPTIONS FOR A REASONABLE FACILITY  
4 REDESIGN PLAN".

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND. SO I  
9 MAKE THAT. DID YOU GET THAT, SACHI, BECAUSE I DIDN'T WRITE IT  
10 OUT?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YOU JUST SAID "PROPOSED OPTIONS  
13 FOR" INSTEAD OF THE WORD "IMPLEMENT."

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S IT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THEN IT WILL COME BACK TO  
18 THE BOARD BEEN IT RELATES TO IMPLEMENTATION. KUMBAYA. ANY  
19 OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEM NO. 12 AT THIS POINT? ALL  
20 RIGHT. IT'S BEEN AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WILL BE  
21 COMING BACK TO THE BOARD FOR A FINAL LOOK AFTER THE  
22 ALTERNATIVES ARE LAID BEFORE US. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO  
23 THAT ITEM, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. THEN LET'S MOVE TO  
24 THE NEXT ITEM THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS HOLDING, ITEM 32-  
25 D.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY  
3 ADDRESSED. HANG ON. LET ME JUST MAKE SURE. YES, IT HAS BEEN,  
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS  
7 OR COMMENTS ON 32-D? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THIS. WHILE I UNDERSTAND  
10 THAT YOU'RE MEETING TOGETHER AND YOU'RE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER  
11 A TASKFORCE AS TO HOW IT'S GOING TO RESPOND, I'M A LITTLE  
12 CONCERNED THAT IT ALREADY COMES BACK WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION  
13 PLAN. SO COULD WE HAVE AT THE LAST PART OF THE PARAGRAPH, I'D  
14 LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE CHANGES THAT L.A. COUNTY MULTIAGENCY  
15 RESPONSE MODEL AND TO REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS ON THE PROPOSED  
16 MODEL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. A  
17 DONE DEAL.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AS INDICATED AND AMENDED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE HAVE THAT FOR YOUR REVIEW. OR SOONER  
21 THAN THE 90 DAYS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PURSUANT TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
2 INTERVENTION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SIR, ALSO TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE TO DIRECT THE  
5 C.E.O. IN TANDEM WITH THE MULTIAGENCY RESPONSE MODEL TO WORK  
6 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION, CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
7 SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REHABILITATIVE HOUSING FOR THESE YOUTHS  
9 AND INCLUDE IT IN THE AFOREMENTIONED BOARD REPORT DUE IN 90  
10 DAYS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE THAT FOR THE  
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONSIDERATION. WE TOOK THAT AS A FRIENDLY  
14 AMENDMENT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE INTERPRET THIS AS THE  
15 COLLECTIVE WILL OF THE BOARD TO TAKE THE ISSUE OF HUMAN SEX  
16 TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO CHILDREN, VERY  
17 SERIOUSLY AND AS AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY. THAT'S WHAT IS BEFORE  
18 US TODAY. AND WE SEEK TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE VERY IDEAS THAT  
19 WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH A FULL-COURT PRESS OF THE  
20 RESPECTIVE AGENCIES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ENFORCEMENT  
21 AND ALLEVIATION OF THE PROBLEM OR ERADICATION OF THE PROBLEM  
22 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I SEE NO OBJECTIONS. IT'S BEEN  
23 PROPERLY AMENDED. AND WITH THAT, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
24 VOTE. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OTHERS HOLDING ITEMS AT THIS  
25 POINT?



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, ITEMS 21 AND 29.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEMS 21 AND 29 ARE BEFORE US.

5 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'D BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU ON IT.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR REGISTRAR-RECORDER ON 21.

8 I MEAN CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** SORRY.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S OKAY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** BOTH ARE INVOLVED HERE.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. SO BOTH THE OFFICES OR

19 DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, BOTH REGISTRAR-RECORDER AS WELL AS

20 CONSUMER AFFAIRS, PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR THE RECORD.

21 SUPERVISOR? QUESTIONS FOR THE TWO DEPARTMENTS?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I JUST WANT YOUR

24 EVALUATION ON, I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE

25 OF A COUPLE THINGS. ONE, THAT OUR FEES ARE IN LINE WITH WHAT



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1 IT ACTUALLY COSTS. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THAT? DO YOU FEEL  
2 COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE'RE ASKING HERE? BECAUSE WHEN THE  
3 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER ANALYZED THE PROGRAM, THEY WERE SUPPORTED  
4 BY THE FEES, CORRECT?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY SAID THAT SOME OF THE  
9 KEY ESTIMATES FOR THOSE FEES NEED TO BE MONITORED. SO MAYBE  
10 YOU COULD SORT OF EMBELLISH WHAT THAT MAY BE. BECAUSE AS I  
11 UNDERSTAND IT, YOU'RE COLLECTING MORE-- YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING  
12 ABOVE AND BEYOND, AM I CORRECT?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'RE GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT'S REQUIRED, AM  
17 I CORRECT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** NO. THE FEES WILL BE 100 PERCENT FOR OUR SERVICES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT AS IT RELATES TO THE ACTUAL  
22 INFORMATION REQUIRED, YOU'RE GOING BEYOND--

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ARE VERY  
25 IMPORTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND THE STATUTE ACTUALLY MANDATES



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1 THAT WE SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON FOUR DIFFERENT  
2 ITEMS. ONE IS TO PROVIDE A COPY OF A NOTICE OF THE DEFAULT AND  
3 THE NOTICES OF SALE THAT ARE GOING OUT TO THE RESIDENTS. TWO,  
4 ARE THE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF NOTICES GOING OUT. THREE, ARE THE  
5 TOTAL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM. AND FOUR, ARE THE  
6 FEES THAT ARE SPENT TO PROVIDE HOUSING INFORMATION, COUNSELING  
7 AND ASSISTANCE. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING THE NUMBER OF CALLS  
9 THAT WE ARE RECEIVING AND ALSO THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT ARE  
10 OPEN, WHICH WE'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING TO YOUR BOARD.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL AS I SAID, I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AND I WILL  
13 MOVE THE ITEM, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE GET QUARTERLY  
14 REPORTS ON THE STATUS AS IT RELATES TO SOME OF THE AUDITOR-  
15 CONTROLLER'S CONCERNS AND THE COSTS WE'RE COLLECTING AND HOW  
16 IT WORKS OUT, IF THAT'S DOABLE FOR THE BOARD.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ACCEPTED AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT  
19 BY THE AUTHOR.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
24 THERE IS FORMAL NOTIFICATION PROGRAM. AND THIS WOULD BE  
25 EXPANDED AND AS APPROPRIATE. THE SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESSES



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1 PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FORECLOSURES IS NOT A SMALL THING, IS NOT  
2 OVER. PEOPLE ARE STILL SUFFERING. AND THIS BOARD IS VERY, VERY  
3 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE,  
4 WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF S.B.62 IN  
5 THE APPROPRIATE MANNER AND THAT THE STEPS BE TAKEN TO CAUSE US  
6 TO COME IN COMPLIANCE. AND SO IF THERE'S NO FURTHER  
7 DISCUSSION, WE ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
8 THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD AS NOTED ON ITEM 21,  
9 TERESIJA SIGMUND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME FORTH,. AND  
10 ANTALIAH THOMAS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD, IT'S  
11 IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO SO NOW. THE BOARD IS READY TO DISPOSE OF  
12 THIS ITEM.

13

14 **ANTALIAH THOMAS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANTALIAH THOMAS. I'M HAPPY,  
15 WELL TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY AND I'M SO HAPPY THAT A BILL HAS  
16 BEEN PASSED REGARDING FORECLOSURE, REGARDING PEOPLE'S HOMES UP  
17 FOR SALE ILLEGALLY. A LOT OF THIS IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL. A  
18 LOT OF INVESTORS ARE NOT DOING THEIR RESEARCH WHEN THE  
19 PROPERTY BELONGS TO A SENIOR CITIZEN, BEEN HERE FOR YEARS, AND  
20 THEY'RE DISABLED AND THEY CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES. THE ROBO-  
21 STAMPING WITH INVESTORS GETTING THESE HOMES NEEDS TO STOP.  
22 UNTIL THE REAL RIGHTFUL OWNER NEEDS TO COME FORWARD, INSTEAD  
23 OF GOING THROUGH SOMEBODY THAT DOES NOT OWN THE PROPERTY, THEY  
24 SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME FORWARD AND SAY "THIS IS MY PROPERTY. I  
25 TRIED TO GET ASSISTANCE. THEY WON'T HEAR ME." IT NEEDS TO



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1 STOP. THEY NEED TO HAVE A REVENUE OR A VENUE WHERE THEY NEED  
2 TO BE HEARD. AND I THINK THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ALLOW SHERIFFS  
3 TO GO AHEAD AND USE THEIR MANPOWER TO KICK OUT SENIOR CITIZENS  
4 OR DISABLED PEOPLE.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
7 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, MA'AM.

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9 **ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS:** MY NAME IS ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS. I AM  
10 VERY HAPPY ALSO BECAUSE IT SENDS A STRONG MESSAGE FOR THE  
11 BANKERS. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE THAT YOU COULD AMEND TO REQUEST  
12 THE SIGNATURE SHEET AND AFFIDAVIT FOR EVERY DOCUMENT THAT THEY  
13 REGISTER BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO STOP THE ROBO-STAMPS AND THE  
14 ILLEGAL STEALING OF PEOPLE'S HOMES, PEOPLE'S WORK. AND IT'S  
15 NOT FAIR. ALSO, THIS FORECLOSURE IS CREATING MENTAL ILLNESS.  
16 FORECLOSURE IS HURTING EVERYBODY BECAUSE KIDS, WHEN THEY ARE  
17 REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME, THEY HAVE TO GO TO OTHER AREAS. AND  
18 THAT ITSELF IS VERY TRAUMATIC FOR FAMILIES. FAMILIES HAVE BEEN  
19 BROKEN BECAUSE OF THE ILLEGAL FORECLOSURES. SO WE NEED TO DO  
20 MORE. PLEASE. WE NEED THE SIGNATURE SHEET AND AFFIDAVIT TO BE  
21 AMENDED TO THIS BILL AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY  
22 MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 FINAL SPEAKER ON THE ITEM. ITEM NO. 21 AND 29 ARE BEFORE US.



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2 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** YEAH AS A HOMEOWNER MYSELF, I CAN ONLY  
3 ATTEST TO THE UNBELIEVABLE FRAUD THAT HAPPENS IN ALL THESE  
4 BANKS. IN MY OWN CASE IF IT WASN'T FOR MS. ELIZABETH LOPEZ  
5 FROM BANK OF AMERICA, TO ASK FOR ALL THE RECORDS TO COME IN I  
6 WOULD HAVE LOST MY HOME THAT I WORKED SO HARD FOR. IT TOOK ME  
7 FIVE YEARS. I ALMOST DEVELOPED TOURETTE SYNDROME SAYING, "I  
8 DON'T HAVE AN ESCROW SHORTAGE." IT TOOK ME FIVE YEARS TO GET  
9 AN EAR BY A BANK BY SOMEBODY WHO HAS A CONSCIOUSNESS, MISS  
10 ELIZABETH LOPEZ TO ASK FOR THE PAPERWORK. BUT I ALSO ASK YOU  
11 WHAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IS YOU HAD AN ASSESSOR WHO HAD  
12 ILLEGALLY GIVEN PEOPLE A DIFFERENT VALUE BY GETTING SOME  
13 FAVORS. AND WHERE DOES IT LEAVE US PEOPLE WHO ASKED FOR ALSO  
14 TO HAVE THE PROPERTY TAX RE-ASSESSED AND WE DIDN'T GET THAT  
15 BECAUSE WE DIDN'T PAY SPECIAL FAVORS? WHY DON'T YOU LOOK INTO  
16 THAT BECAUSE THAT ALSO SHOULD BE AN AMENDMENT OR SOMETHING  
17 WHERE YOU SAY OKAY, IF X PEOPLE OF NUMBERS GOT A REDUCEMENT OF  
18 TAXES THAT HAD MONEY TO PAY THE ASSESSOR AND US PEOPLE DIDN'T  
19 HAVE MONEY TO DO, THAT IS A FRAUD THAT I DON'T SEE YOU HAVE  
20 YET EXPLORED PROPERLY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
23 TESTIMONY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. BOTH 21 AND 29 AS AMENDED.  
24 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON



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1 THE SET ITEMS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE TWO ITEMS THAT  
2 YOU ARE HOLDING, 1-D AND ITEM NO. 28.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 1-D, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR. YOU WISH TO AMEND ITEM  
7 1-D?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTIONS FOR THE C.D.C. I UNDERSTAND THAT  
10 THEIR PLANS TO ALLOCATE FUNDS VIA ESTABLISHED PROCESS TO  
11 PROVIDERS THEY COULD EXPLAIN THE ENTIRE INTAKE PROCESS AND THE  
12 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FIRST FIVE AND THE C.D.C. L.A.S.H.A,  
13 MENTAL HEALTH, D.P.S.S. AND ANY OTHER AGENCY THAT A HOMELESS  
14 PERSON OR SOMEBODY AT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS WOULD PARTICIPATE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ROGAN, YOU HEARD  
17 THE QUESTION COME BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
18 EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE USEFUL  
19 FOR THE BOARD. THIS IS A FIRST FIVE MATTER. WE'RE ESSENTIALLY  
20 ACCEPTING THESE DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR MOVING FORWARD  
21 WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SERVICES TO YOUTH AND THEIR  
22 FAMILIES. THIS ADDS TO THE \$25 MILLION THAT WAS ADOPTED LAST  
23 YEAR. AND WE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GOOD WORK OF THE  
24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THIS PURPOSE. MR. ROGAN?

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1 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. SUPERVISOR, FIRST FIVE FUNDS ARE  
2 PREDICATED ON WORKING WITH THE FAMILY SOLUTION CENTERS. THE  
3 FIRST FIVE L.A. PROVIDERS HAVE A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP  
4 WITH THE EXISTING FAMILY SOLUTION CENTER SYSTEM. ALL THE  
5 VARIOUS AGENCIES WHICH INCLUDE BOTH THE COUNTY AND SERVICE  
6 PROVIDERS THAT TOUCH HOMELESSNESS ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITHIN  
7 THIS COORDINATED SYSTEM. AS IT RELATES TO THE INTAKE, THE IDEA  
8 BEHIND THE FAMILY SOLUTION CENTERS IS THAT REGARDLESS OF  
9 SERVICE NEEDED, A FAMILY WOULD GO TO ONE OF THE FAMILY  
10 SOLUTION CENTERS THAT ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN  
11 EACH OF THE VARIOUS S.P.A.S AND DEPENDING UPON THE TYPE OF  
12 SERVICE THEY NEED, BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY OR  
13 SERVICE PROVIDER. SO THE INTAKE IS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE FAMILY  
14 SOLUTION CENTERS, AND THEN THEY'RE TO BE DIRECTED TO EITHER  
15 THE AGENCY OR THE SERVICE PROVIDER AS NECESSARY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS THE ORIGINAL FIRST FIVE  
18 MOTION HAD THE FUNDING ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO GEOGRAPHIC  
19 BURDEN AND NEED AS DETERMINED BY THE LATEST HOMELESS COUNT  
20 WHICH WOULD RESULT IN LOS ANGELES, GLENDALE, PASADENA, LONG  
21 BEACH COMMUNITIES OF CARE. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE ANTELOPE  
22 VALLEY'S GROWTH IN HOMELESSNESS AND REDUCTION OF CAPACITY  
23 WOULD BE CONSIDERED? AND IF SO, HOW WOULD THAT BE?

24



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1 **SEAN ROGAN:** CONTAINED WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE MOTION, IT DOES  
2 SPEAK TO VERY SIMILAR TERMS AS IT RELATES TO ALLOCATION. IF  
3 YOU'LL GIVE ME A SECOND. SO ONE OF THE ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN  
4 THE MOTION SAYS THAT THE FUNDING MUST BE ALLOCATED ACCORDING  
5 TO GEOGRAPHIC BURDEN AND NEED AS DETERMINED BY THE LATEST  
6 HOMELESS COUNT RESULT FOR LOS ANGELES, GLENDALE, PASADENA AND  
7 THE LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE. AS PART OF THE FIRST FIVE  
8 MOTION, BECAUSE IT IS OF FAMILIES, THAT HOMELESS COUNT WILL  
9 NEED TO BE DRILLED DOWN TO LOOK AT WHAT PORTION IS RELATED TO  
10 FAMILIES. AS IT RELATES TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THERE'S AN  
11 ADDITIONAL PROVISION WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE MOTION THAT SPEAKS  
12 TO PROVIDING AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS SO THAT THERE'S AT LEAST  
13 ONE PROVIDER WITHIN EACH OF THE SERVICE PLANNING AREAS. SO TO  
14 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY, ASSUMING THAT  
15 SOMEBODY APPLIES FOR FUNDS WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IT IS  
16 ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WOULD THEN RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND MEMBERS IN THE  
21 COMMUNITY COULD PROVIDE THE INPUT?

22

23 **SEAN ROGAN:** THERE ARE NOT COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED. KEEP  
24 IN MIND THAT THIS IS A FIRST FIVE ALLOCATION. THERE HAVE BEEN  
25 SOME MEETINGS THROUGH AN INDEPENDENT PANEL THAT INCLUDES FIRST



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1 FIVE AND DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. AND IT'S FROM THIS PANEL  
2 THAT THE CRITERIA WILL THEN BE ULTIMATELY DETERMINED AS PART  
3 OF THE N.O.F.A.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT COMMUNITY  
7 MEETINGS BE A PART OF THE PROCESS?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME MOVE TO CONTINUE THIS ONE WEEK BECAUSE  
10 I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
11 ALSO L.A.S.H.A. AND WITH C.D.C.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A TIME SENSITIVITY OF  
14 SOME CONSEQUENCE, I'M TOLD, IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

15

16 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. GIVEN THE MOTION AND THE TIMELINE  
17 THAT'S BEFORE US, TIME IS AN URGENT MATTER. THE FIRST FIVE  
18 BOARD HAS AN EXPECTATION THAT THIS N.O.F.A. BE OUT BY THE END  
19 OF OCTOBER.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT WEEK WOULD BE TOO LATE?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT WOULD MEAN IT WOULD BE TWO  
2 WEEKS. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE THE 2013 HOMELESS COUNT SHOWS A LARGE  
5 INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN S.P.A. 1. THE QUESTION IS HOW DOES  
6 A REDUCTION OF SERVICES IMPACT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ACCESS  
7 CENTER?

8

9 **SEAN ROGAN:** I'M NOT QUITE UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU MEAN BY THE  
10 REDUCTION IN SERVICES. WHAT THIS FIRST FIVE MOTION DOES AND  
11 WHAT ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST FIVE MOTION IS TO  
12 ENSURE THAT SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE PROVIDED AN ALLOCATION IN  
13 EACH S.P.A. SO AS IT RELATES TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR FIRST  
14 FIVE FUNDING IS LOOKING TO FUND A SERVICE PROVIDER IN THAT  
15 AREA.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT WOULD BE MORE, NOT LESS,  
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. SOUTHARD, YESTERDAY AT THE BLUE RIBBON  
21 COMMISSION, THE ISSUE CAME UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
22 AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH  
23 SERVICES AND L.A.S.H.A. THAT THEY HAVE TROUBLE GETTING THE  
24 INFORMATION, THE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION FROM OUR  
25 DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH ON HOMELESS FAMILIES AND OTHER



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1 FAMILIES IN DISTRESS. WHY CAN'T A PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS  
2 BE USED TO CREATE A SYSTEM TO ENSURE COMMUNICATION AMONG  
3 DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER AGENCIES TO PROVIDE  
4 THOSE SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS FAMILIES?

5

6 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'M NOT CERTAIN  
7 EXACTLY WHAT THE OBSTACLES THAT WERE REFERRED TO IN THE BLUE  
8 RIBBON COMMISSION. AND MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN  
9 PARTICIPATING WITH THE ADULT LINKAGES PROJECT, WHICH IS MEANT  
10 TO SHARE INFORMATION FOR HOMELESS POPULATIONS, INCLUDING  
11 FAMILIES; BUT IF THERE ARE OBSTACLES THAT ARE RELATED TO  
12 FINANCING OF SYSTEMS TO ASSIST THE PROVISION OF THAT  
13 INFORMATION, MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD BE EAGER TO FIND  
14 RESOURCES TO DO THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE QUESTION WAS, INFORMATION IS NOT  
17 BEING SHARED TO THE SOCIAL WORKERS ONLINE AND THE OTHER  
18 INDIVIDUALS, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ON  
19 VITAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE CLIENTS  
20 THEY WERE SERVING. AND WE WERE TOLD THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 MENTAL HEALTH WAS NOT SHARING THAT INFORMATION. SO IF WE COULD  
22 HAVE A REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O. ON THAT PRECISE ISSUE,  
23 BECAUSE WE WANT TO HAVE A SEAMLESS OPERATION WHERE ALL THE  
24 DEPARTMENTS ARE COMMUNICATING WITH ONE ANOTHER WITH THAT TYPE



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1 OF INFORMATION SO THE CLIENTS BEING SERVED WILL BE SERVED AND  
2 NOT JUST ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAVE.

3

4 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN FOR MR. ARNOLD, . MANY INDIVIDUALS  
7 EXPERIENCE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, DOES  
8 ACCESS SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR CLIENTS THAT  
9 EXPERIENCE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS?

10

11 **MIKE ARNOLD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MIKE ARNOLD. ACCESS  
12 CENTERS ARE MORE CONNECTING LINKAGES. SO SOME DO PROVIDE THE  
13 SERVICES ON SITE, SOME ARE TRIAGE MODELS THAT ALLOW FOR AN  
14 ASSESSMENT OF THE NEED AND CONNECT THE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE  
15 SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE COMMUNITY. SO THE ANSWER TO THAT IS IT  
16 REALLY DEPENDS ON WHAT FUNCTIONS ARE BUILT INTO THE SERVICE  
17 CENTER AND THEN THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THAT ACCESS CENTER HAS  
18 WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THERE A WAY TO ENHANCE THOSE SERVICES?

21

22 **MIKE ARNOLD:** I THINK SO. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE  
23 WORKING ON AND THAT WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF, PARTICULARLY AROUND  
24 THE FAMILY SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT, IS BETTER INTEGRATION AND  
25 LINKAGES AND SHARING OF INFORMATION AROUND ALL OF THOSE



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1 ASPECTS. WE FOCUSED IN THE LAST YEAR ON FAMILIES, AND AS A  
2 RESULT, WE NOW HAVE A MORE-- A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH  
3 THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND THE LINKAGE PROCESS. AND THAT'S  
4 GOING TO BE EXPANDED TO SINGLE COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. AND  
5 ACCESS CENTERS ALSO SERVE SINGLES.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS HISTORICALLY RECEIVED  
8 THE SMALLEST SOURCE OF RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS SERVICES. HAS  
9 THERE BEEN A STUDY ON THE LOCAL IMPACT IN THE EVENT THERE IS A  
10 REDUCTION OF FUNDING UP TO \$500,000?

11

12 **MIKE ARNOLD:** THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING DONE. THE ISSUE THAT WE'RE  
13 DEALING WITH-- WELL ACTUALLY ALL OF THE CONTINUUMS OF CARE IN  
14 LOS ANGELES IS THAT THROUGH SEQUESTRATION AND BUDGET CUTS,  
15 H.U.D. IS MESSAGING THAT OUR JURISDICTION SHOULD ANTICIPATE  
16 ABOUT AN 8 PERCENT-- 5 TO 8 PERCENT CUT IN HOMELESS SERVICE  
17 DOLLARS. SO HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND THE LOS ANGELES CONTINUUM  
18 OF CARE, WE HAVE ABOUT A \$7 MILLION POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN  
19 FUNDING THAT CAN COME IN AND SERVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALREADY  
20 OPERATING. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES OVER THE COURSE  
21 OF THE PAST THREE MONTHS TO TRY AND IDENTIFY PRIORITY RANKING  
22 SCHEMES. IT'S VERY MUCH COMMUNITY-BASED. AND ULTIMATELY WE  
23 WANT COMMUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE US AROUND WHAT ARE THE  
24 MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND WHAT ARE THOSE PROGRAMS THAT IF WE



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1 ARE FORCED TO TAKE LOSSES WOULD HAVE THE LEAST IMPACT ON OUR  
2 ABILITY TO REDUCE AND END HOMELESSNESS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE YOU FACTORING IN GEOGRAPHIC NEEDS  
5 IN THAT REDUCTION?

6

7 **MIKE ARNOLD:** WELL IT'S A TWO-PART PROCESS. I THINK WE'RE ALL  
8 AWARE THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT GEOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES IN THE  
9 AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THAT ARE DISTRIBUTED AROUND LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY. WE HAVE A COORDINATING COUNCIL, WHICH IS A GROUP OF  
11 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE CHARGED WITH COMING UP WITH  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS DISPARITY. SO  
13 DEFINITELY GEOGRAPHY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS. AND  
14 CERTAINLY THE INTENT IS TO MINIMIZE THE LOSSES TO COMMUNITIES  
15 THAT ARE ALREADY SEVERELY UNDER RESOURCED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ABOUT COMMUNITY MEETINGS?

18

19 **MIKE ARNOLD:** THERE ARE COMMUNITY MEETINGS GOING ON ALL OVER  
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR UP IN THE  
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE  
24 MOTION TO DIRECT THE C.D.C. TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LATEST  
25 HOMELESS NUMBERS AS SUBMITTED BY L.A.S.H.A. IN THEIR



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1 ALLOCATION OF FIRST FIVE FUNDS BY THE NOTICE OF FUNDING  
2 AVAILABILITY PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ACCEPT  
5 THAT AS A REINFORCEMENT WHICH IS ITEM NO. 7. THE FUNDING MUST  
6 BE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO GEOGRAPHIC BURDEN AND NEED AS  
7 DETERMINED BY THE LATEST HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS FOR LOS  
8 ANGELES, GLENDALE, PASADENA AND LONG BEACH CONTINUUMS OF CARE.  
9 SO, FUNDING SERVICES WILL BE COORDINATED, NO. 8 WITH FAMILY  
10 SOLUTION CENTERS, FUNDED BY L.A.S.H.A. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
11 COUNTY AND THE CITY. SO YOUR AMENDING LANGUAGE, SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH, IS QUITE CONSISTENT WITH THE BODY OF THE MOTION.  
13 AND WE ACCEPT IT AS SUCH. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. DON'T GET  
14 EXCITED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION. IT CLAIMS THAT IT'S  
17 ALL FOR SUBSIDIES. IS THERE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS THAT  
18 C.D.C. IS TAKING FROM IT?

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20 **MIKE ARNOLD:** YES. 8 PERCENT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** 8 PERCENT OF HOW MUCH?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HALF OF WHAT IT WAS BEFORE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HALF OF WHAT IT WAS BEFORE.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** HALF OF WHAT IT WAS BEFORE? THEY SHOULDN'T GET  
6 ANY. SO HOW MUCH IS THAT OUT OF THIS AMOUNT?

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8 **SEAN ROGAN:** \$800,000 FOR THE \$10 MILLION.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT WAS 15 BEFORE, CORRECT? AND  
11 FULLY JUSTIFIED AS SUCH. ON THE 25 IT WAS 15, WAS IT NOT?

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13 **SEAN ROGAN:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE EXACT NUMBER IS SO I DON'T  
14 WANT TO BE MISQUOTED.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU KNOW I'M SOMEWHERE IN  
17 THE REGION. AND YOU ARGUED AS HARD AS YOU COULD TO MAKE SURE  
18 THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WAS SUCH THAT YOU COULD DO THE  
19 BEST JOB THAT THE AGENCY COULD DO. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER  
20 IS WHAT'S FAIR IS FAIR. AND WE ARE NOW MOVING WITH ROUGHLY 8  
21 PERCENT. AND WE WILL GET EVERY OUNCE OF OUR MONEY'S WORTH  
22 BECAUSE WE'VE TURNED TO THIS AGENCY BECAUSE THEY CONSISTENTLY  
23 HAVE DONE WHAT WE THINK IS A REPUTABLE JOB. AND WE THANK YOU.  
24 AND 5 PERCENT SOUNDS BETTER. ANYTHING MORE FOR NOW?  
25 SUPERVISOR?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE WANTED 15 PERCENT FROM YOU, TOO?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, HE DID.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SON OF A GUN.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S REALLY SHAMEFUL. THEY ALREADY DO THIS WORK.  
9 AND I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'D TAKE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE MONEY  
10 INTO IT. IT'S CHILDREN'S MONEY.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO SAY  
15 THAT I THINK SEAN AND HIS DEPARTMENT HAVE DONE A REALLY GOOD  
16 JOB ON ADMINISTERING THIS PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM YOU'RE ABOUT TO  
17 EMBARK UNDER, THE ONE WE DID LAST YEAR, THEY CAME IN WITH A  
18 GUN TO YOUR HEAD WITH NO TIME LEFT TO DO IT. YOU ADMINISTERED  
19 IT. YOU GOT THE MONEY OUT. YOU GOT THE CONTRACTS SIGNED. THE  
20 MONEY IS GETTING OUT THE DOOR REALLY, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW IN  
21 RECORD TIME. SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR IT. WE WERE  
22 GOING TO HAVE TO PAY SOMEBODY TO DO IT. IF WE DIDN'T PAY  
23 C.D.C., WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE CONSULTANT TO DO IT. THIS IS  
24 A BETTER DEAL AND THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. SO I JUST



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1 WANTED TO SAY THAT, LEAVING ALL JOKING ASIDE, THAT SHAWN HAS  
2 DELIVERED AND THAT'S PRETTY GOOD.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY. ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THE MATTER?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I THINK I HAVE TO. THIS WASN'T A CRITICISM  
8 OF SEAN AND HIS WORK. HE DOES GREAT WORK. I JUST THINK IT  
9 SHOULD HAVE BEEN A STRAIGHT UP SUBSIDY THAT FIRST FIVE COULD  
10 HAVE DONE INSTEAD OF RELAYING IT HERE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH. THE  
13 ITEM IS BEFORE US. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO MOVING FORWARD  
14 WITH THE ITEM AS AMENDED?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I'D LIKE TO ABSTAIN AS IT'S A NEW TERM  
17 AROUND HERE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** A TERM OF ART.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT NEW.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEW AND IMPROVED.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT HASN'T BEEN NEW SINCE RIDLEY-THOMAS GOT  
2 HERE. [LAUGHTER.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL I'M GLAD TO KNOW THAT I'VE  
5 MADE A CONTRIBUTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MADE AN IMPACT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. ALL RIGHT. SO FOUR VOTES  
10 IN FAVOR, ONE ABSTENTION. YES. ITEM 28--

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME ASK MR. FUJIOKA. IN OUR  
13 CONVERSATION, SINCE THE CONFUSION DURING LAST WEEK'S MEETING  
14 ON THIS ITEM, WERE YOU ABLE TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO  
15 CONSULT WITH THE UNIONS?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I REACHED OUT TO A NUMBER OF OUR LABOR GROUPS  
18 WITH THE INTENT TO UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPAL CONCERNS, BUT MOST  
19 IMPORTANTLY WITH THE GOAL OF TRYING TO FIND A POSITIVE PATH  
20 FORWARD. WE IN FACT HAD A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, BUT  
21 UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO SOME OF THEIR SCHEDULING ISSUES, WE HAD  
22 TO CANCEL THAT MEETING. AND THAT WAS AGAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
23 SITTING DOWN AND FINDING A PATH FORWARD. I HOPE TO HAVE THAT  
24 MEETING RESCHEDULED IN THE FUTURE. OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE AN  
25 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION COMPRISED OF INDIVIDUALS WHO



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1 WILL BE FAIR, OBJECTIVE, INDEPENDENT AND TOTALLY UNBIASED. WE  
2 WANT A STRONG EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION THAT TAKES A FAIR  
3 LOOK AT EVERYTHING THAT'S BEFORE THEM. SO I WILL CONTINUE TO  
4 MAKE THE EFFORT TO MEET WITH THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES TO FIND  
5 THAT POSITIVE PATH FORWARD.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN HINDSIGHT WHY DO YOU THINK THIS MATTER HAS  
8 BECOME SO CONFUSING?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, I THINK AT THIS JUNCTURE, I KNOW WE'RE  
11 GOING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION SOON TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES  
12 RELATED TO EMPLOYEE RELATIONS. I'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT  
13 CONVERSATION THERE. WHAT I THINK NOW IS WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT  
14 IS TO FIND THAT PATH FORWARD BUT ALSO TO DATE TO PASS THE  
15 SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE AND PASS THAT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THERE  
18 ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. THEY ARE FLOYD HAYHURST,  
19 RALPH MILLER, SUE CLINE, MICHAEL GREEN, TERESIJA SIGMUND, IN  
20 THAT ORDER, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. QUICK QUESTION FOR THE  
21 COUNTY COUNSEL, WE'RE NOT OBLIGED TO ADOPT THE SECOND READING  
22 TODAY. WE HAVE SOME TIME, DO WE NOT?

23

24 **JOHN KRATTLI:** YOU COULD CONTINUE THE MATTER IF YOU WANTED,  
25 YES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S THE OUTSIDE FOR THE  
3 CONTINUANCE? IS THERE ANY SPECIFIED TIME?

4

5 **JOHN KRATTLI:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS AN OUTSIDE TIME.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. LADIES AND  
8 GENTLEMEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. YOU MAY PROCEED.

9

10 **FLOYD HAYHURST:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M  
11 FLOYD HAYHURST, AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT OF A.L.A.D.S. LIKE  
12 WE SPOKE LAST WEEK. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS RESOLVE THIS  
13 ISSUE. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION. AND TO BE POLITICALLY  
14 CORRECT, WE'LL TALK ABOUT MAYBE SOME DECEPTIONS, MISINFORMED,  
15 NOT COMMUNICATED PROPERLY. OLD COUNTRY BOY TERM, WE CALL THAT  
16 LYING. I DON'T WANT TO BLAME ANYBODY HERE BUT WHAT WE WANT TO  
17 DO IS RESOLVE ISSUES. WHAT IS REALLY DISTURBING TO ME ABOUT IT  
18 NOW IS THAT I HAVE SPOKE WITH EACH ONE OF YOU GUYS AND LADIES  
19 AND OUR WORD IS ALL THAT WE'VE GOT. AND WHEN SOMEBODY TAINTS  
20 THAT NO MATTER HOW IT'S DONE, IT DESTROYS CREDIBILITY. AND I  
21 THINK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU KNOW THAT I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU  
22 AND BEEN QUITE CANDID AND WE'VE NEVER HAD LIES BEFORE. I DON'T  
23 KNOW WHO DID THIS UNTIL VERY RECENTLY IS WHAT I WAS TOLD. I  
24 DON'T WANT MY NAME SMEARED TO BE PUT INTO A SPOT WHERE I WAS  
25 MISREPRESENTED BEFORE YOU, THIS HONORABLE BOARD. I'M HERE



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1 AGAIN AND ON BEHALF OF DAVE GELATI WHO ALSO SPOKE WITH ME BACK  
2 IN TEXAS, HE WANTS TO WORK THROUGH THIS AND GET THIS RESOLVED  
3 AS WELL. THERE IS NO DECEPTION HERE ABOUT SAYING THAT WE'RE  
4 GOING TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING IN SACRAMENTO BECAUSE THEY'RE IN  
5 RECESS. THAT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE. AND TODAY I STAND AND SIT  
6 BEFORE YOU AGAIN SAYING I WAS UNAWARE OF ANY COMMUNICATION.  
7 AND WHOEVER SAID THAT THEY HAD MY BACKING ON IT, IT JUST IS  
8 NOT TRUE. THE PRINCIPALS OF THIS, WE BELIEVE THE ERCOM  
9 PROCEDURE WAS PART OF THE SALARY NEGOTIATION, WHICH I'M A  
10 SIGNATURE TO. AND WITH THAT, WE WANT TO FIX THE PROBLEM; NOT  
11 HAVE A PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **SUE CLINE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,  
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR  
17 THE HOMELESS. I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THIS GOES BACK TO 2012  
18 WHEN SOME EMAILS LEAKED OUT OF THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS  
19 COMMISSION THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE ON THE A.D.D.A.'S ORGANIZING.  
20 AND AS A RESULT OF THAT, SOMEBODY, AN EMPLOYEE OF A.F.S.M.E.  
21 DISTRICT COUNCIL 36 WENT TO SACRAMENTO AND WAS SEEKING  
22 LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE TAKEN US TO PERB. UNBEKNOWN TO  
23 MANY OF US. WHEN WE FOUND THAT OUT, IT WAS RALPH MILLER, TIM  
24 YARYOUNG [PH?]AND WILLIE PELOTTE [PH?] OUR LOBBYISTS, THAT  
25 STOPPED THAT LEGISLATION SO THAT THAT DID NOT OCCUR. THAT WAS



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1 JULY OF 2012. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY EMAILS REGARDING ERCOM AGAIN  
2 UNTIL MAY OF 2013. SO WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TRANSPIRED IN THAT  
3 YEAR. WE ONLY KNOW WHAT WE GOT FROM MAY GOING FORWARD THIS  
4 YEAR. AND I BELIEVE THERE WAS A LOT OF-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY  
5 DECEPTION, BUT I BELIEVE THERE WERE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN  
6 SOME PARTIES AND THE COUNTY THAT WE DID NOT ALL RECEIVE. AND I  
7 THINK BASED ON THAT, WE WANT TO CLEAR UP ANY DISPERSIONS, ANY  
8 PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. AND WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE  
9 COUNTY IN UNISON TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE AN HONEST, OPEN AND  
10 AS YOU SAID TRANSPARENT AND IMPARTIAL SYSTEM.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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15 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. RALPH MILLER, PRESIDENT  
16 OF 685. I'M ALSO HERE SPEAKING IN BEHALF OF THE COALITION OF  
17 COUNTY UNIONS. AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION  
18 OF LABOR. AND MIKE GREEN COULDN'T BE HERE. BUT I'M ALSO  
19 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. ON THIS MATTER. I CONCUR WITH  
20 FLOYD AND SUE, WHAT THEY SAID. THERE WERE MEETINGS, A NUMBER  
21 OF MEETINGS, BUT THEY WERE ALL ON 1569, THE BILL THAT BESSIE  
22 BUTLER CARRIED ON BEHALF OF ONE OF THE A.F.S.C.M.E. GROUPS. WE  
23 HAD ONE MEETING ON THIS CHANGE OF ORDINANCE, ONE. AND WE HAVE  
24 THE RECORDS TO PROVE IT. WE HAVE THE EMAILS TO PROVE IT. SO  
25 WHAT WE'RE ASKING HERE-- AND I AGREE WITH THE C.E.O. THAT WE



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1 HAVE A MEETING BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER, BECAUSE I THINK ONCE WE  
2 MEET AND WE LAY EVERYTHING OUT, IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD EXACTLY  
3 WHAT HAPPENED. WE WERE CREDITED I BELIEVE LAST YEAR THE  
4 FINANCIAL SITUATION, AT LEAST THE POSITIVE FINANCIAL SITUATION  
5 AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS IT SAID IT WAS  
6 BECAUSE OF THE COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD AND THE LABOR  
7 PARTNERS. WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT. WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT  
8 SUCCESS. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO AGREE TO DISAGREE BUT STILL BE  
9 ABLE TO COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER. SO THEREFORE, AGAIN,  
10 WE'RE ASKING FOR ONE WEEK SO WE CAN LOOK AT THIS MATTER AGAIN.  
11 BUT FINALLY I KNOW THIS IS UNUSUAL, BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT  
12 THE \$50 MILLION BEING GIVEN, COMING OUT OF PROBATION BECAUSE  
13 THE DEPARTMENT HEAD COULDN'T DO THEIR JOB, MAKING \$300,000 A  
14 YEAR BUT COULDN'T DO THEIR JOB? WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THERE  
15 IS A PROBLEM. YOU NOW HAVE 50 MILLION MORE REASONS TO PROVE  
16 THAT. HOW COULD YOU BLOW \$50 MILLION.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. MILLER ARE YOU SPEAKING TO  
19 ITEM NO. 28?

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21 **RALPH MILLER:** YES, I'M SPEAKING BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S OFF, I'M  
22 SPEAKING ABOUT THE MATTER YOU JUST SPOKE ABOUT ON TAFT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. APPRECIATE IT.  
25 FINAL SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** APPARENTLY YOU WERE LIED TO LAST WEEK, MR.  
3 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND WHAT REALLY SHOCKS ME IS THAT YOU TOOK  
4 HIS, MR. FUJIOKA'S CONJECTURE OVER THIS REPUTABLE MAN'S  
5 DECLARATIONS THAT SOMETHING DIDN'T HAPPEN. ZEV, DON AND GLORIA  
6 HAPPILY WENT AGAINST THEM TOTALLY DISCREDITING, BELIEVING HIM.  
7 AND IT WAS ONLY ANTONOVICH AND MR. THOMAS THAT ACTUALLY SAID,  
8 "HEY, LET'S JUST WAIT FOR A LITTLE BIT." AND THE THING IS,  
9 IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU BRING PAPERWORK, THAT YOU ASK FOR  
10 PROOF, THAT YOU DON'T JUST MAKE RULINGS THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT  
11 TO THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE NOW WAITED FOR THE WHOLE DAY.  
12 THESE ARE REPUTABLE PEOPLE. THESE ARE THE BEST PEOPLE YOU HAVE  
13 GOT. YOU MIGHT NOT APPRECIATE THEM ENOUGH. THE PROBATION  
14 DEPARTMENT, I KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE PROBATION  
15 OFFICERS, HAVING TALKED TO SO MANY PEOPLE FROM D.C.F.S., AND  
16 THESE PEOPLE ARE REALLY VALUED. AND PEOPLE LIKE MICHAEL GREEN  
17 YOU HAVE OUT THERE MADE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY, " I HAVE A  
18 DREAM" SPEECH TALK ON MARTIN LUTHER, HE'S A REPUTABLE PERSON.  
19 HOW COULD YOU JUST PAINT HIM A LIAR AND BELIEVE HIS CONJECTURE  
20 OVER THEIR TESTIMONY? IT'S DISRESPECTFUL.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR  
23 TESTIMONY HAS BEEN GIVEN. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'VE HEARD  
24 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AS WELL AS FROM THE RESPECTIVE  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BARGAINING UNITS. THE COUNTY COUNSEL



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1 HAS SAID THAT WE'RE NOT OBLIGED TO TAKE THIS ITEM UP TODAY. IT  
2 SEEMS TO ME IF A MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE AGREEMENT OF  
3 BOTH THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND THOSE OTHERS, IT WOULD BE  
4 ADVISABLE FOR US TO CONTINUE THE MATTER AND HAVE IT COME BACK  
5 AT THE TIME IF IT WERE TO BE ONE WEEK, WE WOULD DO IT NEXT  
6 WEEK. BUT WE ARE NOT IN SESSION. SO I AM SUGGESTING THAT IT BE  
7 RETURNED TO US AT OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. AND I  
8 WOULD SO MOVE. IS THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I LISTENED CAREFULLY TO WHAT REPRESENTATIVES  
13 WHO CAME FORWARD SAID. AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE PURPOSE OF A  
14 CONTINUANCE WOULD BE BECAUSE WHAT I HEARD WAS THAT THEY WANTED  
15 TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF WHETHER WE WERE LIED TO OR THEY WERE  
16 LIED TO, REALLY ABOUT THE SHAPE OF THE TABLE BUT NOT OVER THE  
17 SUBSTANCE ABOUT WHAT'S BOTHERING THEM ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE.  
18 MR. FUJIOKA COULD MEET WITH THEM UNTIL THE COWS COME HOME AND  
19 THEY COULD AGREE THAT NOBODY LIED TO ANYBODY AND THEN WE'LL  
20 GET BACK TO THE ISSUE AT HAND, WHICH IS THE ERCOM ORDINANCE.  
21 AND I HAVE HEARD NOTHING THAT SUGGESTS TO ME-- AND I ASKED IT  
22 LAST WEEK-- WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE THAT BOTHERS YOU?  
23 AND THE ONLY THING I'VE PICKED UP, I THINK IT MAY HAVE BEEN AT  
24 THE MEETING LAST WEEK, WAS THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PANEL  
25 WAS PICKED. THE WAY IT'S PICKED NOW, IT'S A PANEL OF THREE



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1 PEOPLE PICKED BY BOTH SIDES. IS THAT RIGHT? AND WHAT THIS  
2 ORDINANCE PROPOSES IS A PANEL OF THREE PEOPLE, ONE PICKED BY  
3 ONE SIDE, ONE PICKED BY THE OTHER SIDE AND THE THIRD ONE  
4 PICKED BY BOTH SIDES. I MEAN, THIS IS THE WAY IT'S DONE, THE  
5 MEDIATION PANELS, ARBITRATION PANELS, THAT'S THE WAY IT'S  
6 DONE. IN FACT, SOMETIMES IT'S DONE WHERE YOU PICK-- MANAGEMENT  
7 WILL PICK ONE SIDE, LABOR WILL PICK THE OTHER SIDE AND THEN  
8 THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES GO PICK-- THOSE TWO PEOPLE WILL GO  
9 PICK THE THIRD PERSON. THAT'S NOT WHAT'S BEING SUGGESTED HERE.  
10 I REALLY DON'T GET WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE  
11 WANT TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE ERCOM SCANDAL IN PUBLIC AGAIN.  
12 OKAY? SOME OF US FEEL LIKE WE WERE BETRAYED BY THE WAY THAT  
13 ORGANIZATION WAS HANDLED. AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT WAS ALL  
14 ABOUT. I DON'T WANT TO WASH ALL THAT LINEN, BUT IF WE HAVE TO  
15 WE WILL. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. RALPH,  
16 YOU WENT UP TO SACRAMENTO AND GOT A BILL. YOU RAN THAT BILL.  
17 AND THEN YOU GOT CHECKMATED. AND LET'S JUST LAY IT OUT. AND  
18 YOU GOT CHECKMATED WHEN WE SAID, "FINE, YOU WANT TO GO THAT  
19 ROUTE? WE'LL GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS AND WE'LL LET THIS ALL GO  
20 TO P.E.R.B." YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO P.E.R.B. WE CAN GO TO  
21 P.E.R.B. RIGHT NOW. YOU DON'T LIKE THIS ORDINANCE WE CAN GO TO  
22 P.E.R.B. RIGHT NOW. LET ME FINISH.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE THE VOTES TO  
25 DO THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE THE VOTES TO DO THAT.  
3 YOU ABSOLUTELY DO HAVE TO HAVE THE VOTES TO DO THAT. BUT, YOU  
4 KNOW, HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO DILLY OVER THIS THING? THIS HAS  
5 BEEN GOING-- HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON, BILL?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S BEEN ABOUT A YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT IT WAS EVEN LONGER THAN THAT. BUT  
10 IT'S AT LEAST A YEAR WHEN WE WERE READY.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TOO LONG.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE QUESTION IS: IF TWO WEEKS  
17 BUYS A HIGHER LEVEL OF COOPERATION, IF IN FACT IT DOES, I  
18 CAN'T IMAGINE WHY WE WOULD NOT CHOOSE TO DO SO?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE, MARK--

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, LET  
23 ME SIMPLY JUST SAY THIS IN RESPONSE. YOU WERE SEEING TO  
24 RESPOND TO MINE. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER HASN'T BEEN THE  
25 DISCUSSION OR THE DEBATE HERE. I HAD SAID LAST WEEK AND I WILL



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1 REPEAT NOW. NOT JUST THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BUT THE  
2 ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS SENTIMENTS  
3 WITH RESPECT TO THE RESTRUCTURING AND THE SELECTION PROCESS  
4 FOR ERCOM MEMBERS. THAT REALLY ISN'T WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S AT STAKE?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEREFORE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
9 THE MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS AND THE  
10 C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND CLEAR THE AIR  
11 RATHER THAN QUESTION THAT THIS WAS DONE ON EITHER SIDE IN A  
12 WAY THAT IS UNTOWARD TO BE EMBRACED OTHERWISE THE ACRIMONY  
13 THAT I PURSUES IS JUST NOT WORTH ALL OF THAT. AND I HAVE HEARD  
14 THE C.E.O. INDICATE THAT HE'S WANTING TO MEET WITH THE  
15 RESPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BARGAINING UNITS. THAT MEETING  
16 COULDN'T BE PULLED OFF. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WISDOM  
17 DICTATES THAT WE DO SO WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE. I SAID THAT LAST  
18 WEEK. I'M PREPARED TO SAY IT AGAIN WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTENT  
19 OF THE MATTER. I DON'T SEE WHAT WE LOSE. I SEE A LOT  
20 POTENTIALLY TO BE GAINED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL JUST RESPOND TO THAT BY SAYING THAT I  
23 DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO COME OUT OF A  
24 CONTINUANCE. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT I HEARD THESE  
25 INDIVIDUALS WANTED TO MEET WITH THAT INDIVIDUAL ABOUT. I



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1 THINK-- I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERICS OF  
2 THE RELATIONSHIP. I THINK THIS IS ABOUT TRYING TO KILL THIS  
3 ORDINANCE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU'RE SPECULATING BECAUSE  
6 THAT WAS NOT ASSERTED. AND YOU'RE EFFECTIVELY PUTTING WORDS IN  
7 SOMEBODY'S MOUTH THAT WASN'T SAID.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR. NO ONE SAID THAT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I SAID IT.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, BUT THEY DIDN'T.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SAID IT.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THEY DIDN'T. SO YOU OWN  
20 THAT. THAT'S WHY I SAY IT'S SPECULATION.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M PROUD TO OWN IT. WHAT I HAVE NOT HEARD  
23 WAS WHY LAST WEEK AND FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, THIS THING--  
24 WHAT THE OBJECTION TO THIS WAS ALL ABOUT. THIS ISN'T ABOUT--  
25 THEY ASKED FOR A NO VOTE ON THIS ORDINANCE LAST WEEK. THEY



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1 DIDN'T ASK FOR A MEETING EXCLUSIVELY. THEY ASKED FOR A NO VOTE  
2 ON THE ORDINANCE LAST WEEK. SO I'M NOT GOING TO BE FOOLED INTO  
3 BELIEVING THAT THAT'S ALL THIS IS ABOUT IS TO HAVE A KUMBAYA  
4 AND MAKE NICE AND COME BACK AND APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE.  
5 ANYWAY, WE DON'T HAVE TO BELABOR THIS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THERE'S MORE TO BE  
8 GAINED THAN A LOSS BY WAY OF A CONVERSATION. WITHOUT ANY  
9 DETERMINATION THAT ANYBODY'S POSITION CHANGES. AND, FRANKLY, I  
10 WILL SAY FOR THE RECORD AGAIN THAT THERE IS CONSENSUS ON THIS  
11 ITEM BEYOND THE VOTES THAT WERE OBVIOUS LAST WEEK. MEMBERS OF  
12 THE BOARD, THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. MA'AM?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE FOR  
15 WELL OVER A YEAR AND A HALF, INTIMATELY INVOLVED. AND EVERY  
16 MEMBER SHOULD HAVE BEEN. TO HAVE WATCHED THIS THING GO THROUGH  
17 ITS PROCESS. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST THE LABOR PROCESS.  
18 I'M TALKING ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON AT ERCOM THEY LED US INTO  
19 A PATHWAY OF UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF LAWSUITS, UNBELIEVABLE  
20 AMOUNT-- WE DON'T HAVE TO DIG THAT ALL UP. ALL I KNOW, IT'S  
21 BEEN A YEAR AND A HALF OF MISERY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TRYING  
22 TO FIND A WAY THAT THIS COULD FUNCTION. AND YOU'D HAVE TO BE  
23 AN AWFUL BLIND MAN IF YOU ARE EITHER IN MANAGEMENT OR LABOR  
24 AND THIS DID NOT COME UP AND HIT YOU IN THE BEHIND, OKAY? NOW,  
25 WE WERE IN CLOSED SESSION--



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO RESTRUCTURE THAT  
3 METAPHOR.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVEN AS A CHAIR YOU'RE NOT PERMITTED TO DO THAT  
6 UNDER ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN'T BLOCK A METAPHOR LIKE  
9 THAT AND SAY BLIND AND HIT YOU IN BEHIND. YOU HAVE TO GET THIS  
10 THING LINED UP.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND YOUR  
13 BEHIND. AND YOU SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT IT. I MEAN, HONESTLY,  
14 THE REALITY HERE IS THAT WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH IS A VERY  
15 FAIR PROCESS. WE WANTED A PROCESS THAT WAS GOING TO WORK. WE  
16 WANTED A PROCESS THAT WAS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE  
17 FRAMEWORK OF HOW WE COULD MOVE FORWARD. YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE  
18 ANYTHING ELSE. WE DIDN'T PICK THEIR NEGOTIATORS. WE DIDN'T  
19 PICK THEIR MEMBERS OF THE MEETING. WE DIDN'T DECIDE "ONLY YOU  
20 CAN COME INTO THE ROOM." THEY MAKE THOSE DETERMINATIONS ON  
21 THEIR OWN AS THEIR MANAGEMENT SHOULD. I APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW,  
22 FLOYD COMING AND RALPH COMING AND TELLING US THERE'S BEEN  
23 MISCOMMUNICATION AND MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT THEY ARE NOT  
24 TELLING US EXACTLY WHAT IT IS THAT THEY WISH TO DISCUSS. I  
25 MEAN, I KNOW THAT I REMEMBER A MONTH AND A HALF AGO ALL OF US



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1 WERE IN CLOSED SESSION AND JIM CAME TO US AND SAID, "THERE  
2 SEEMS TO BE INFORMATION OUT THERE THAT PEOPLE HAVE NOT--  
3 THEY'VE BEEN SITTING AT THE TABLE THAT THEY NEED CLARIFICATION  
4 ON CERTAIN POINTS, LET ME GO BACK TO THEM. SO COULD WE  
5 CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONCE AGAIN?" WE ALL SAID OKAY. YOU DO THAT.  
6 WE ALL WANTED TO BE GOOD FAITH. I WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT I'M  
7 SAYING, "WHAT'S THE GAME HERE? I MEAN THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR AND  
8 A HALF." I'M BEING VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THERE WAS SOMETHING  
9 GOING ON THEN. HE WENT BACK, HE CAME BACK. AND HE MET WITH  
10 THEM. THEY DISCUSSED IT. NOW, AGAIN, THIS IS A MEET AND CONFER  
11 ITEM. THIS IS NOT NEGOTIATED. SO WHEN YOU TALK AGREEMENT,  
12 CONSENSUS, ALL OF THOSE ISSUES, THEY ARE MISNOMERS. THEY DON'T  
13 BELONG INTO THIS DISCUSSION. WE MET OUR OBLIGATION BEYOND. SO  
14 NOW I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEY'VE COME HERE AGAIN. THEY'RE  
15 ASKING FOR A CONTINUANCE FOR WHAT PURPOSE? YOU WERE IN THOSE  
16 MEETINGS. I WAS IN THOSE MEETINGS. WE ASKED OUR QUESTIONS. WE  
17 ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION. WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.  
18 AND SO, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I THINK IF THEY CAME HERE AND SAID  
19 "WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THESE TWO ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL."  
20 I MIGHT LOOK AT IT BECAUSE MAYBE THERE'S NOT A CLEAR  
21 UNDERSTANDING. BUT EVERY ASPECT OF THIS WAS DISCUSSED, AND ALL  
22 DIFFERENT OPTIONS. AND I JUST THINK THAT IT'S SORT OF  
23 DISHONEST. AND I MEAN I APPRECIATE THE HONESTY YET NOT THE  
24 CLARITY THAT THEY'RE PROVIDING US AT A PATHWAY FORWARD. ONE  
25 WOULD SAY ONE OR TWO WEEKS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TWO WEEKS ARE.



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1 BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF GAMES THAT ARE BEING PLAYED THAT I  
2 DON'T KNOW. ALL I KNOW IS THIS HAS BEEN BEFORE US A COUPLE OF  
3 TIMES. EVERY EFFORT AND EVERY CONTINUANCE THAT HAS BEEN  
4 REQUESTED HAS BEEN HONORED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WHAT IS THE  
5 CONTEXT OF THIS CONTINUATION? THERE IS NONE. AND MR. CHAIRMAN  
6 AND MEMBERS, I ASK EACH OF YOU: I KNOW WHAT THESE ISSUES ARE.  
7 I KNOW THEY WERE EXPLORED IN CLOSED SESSION. I WAS AT A POINT  
8 WITH JIM WHERE I THOUGHT TAKING TOO LONG.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO FINALIZE THIS BECAUSE OF THE LIABILITY ISSUES  
13 THAT WE WERE-- AND FOLKS THAT WERE NOT BELIEVING THAT WE  
14 REALLY NEEDED TODAY MAKE THE KINDS OF CHANGES. AND REALLY WITH  
15 ALL DUE RESPECT TO JIM, HE HAS REALLY BENT OVER BACKWARDS IF  
16 YOU COULD SAY THAT OVER AND OVER ON THIS ISSUE. HE IS ON HIS  
17 ROUTE TO RETIREMENT. AND TO HAVE THIS MOORING OF HIS  
18 REPUTATION HERE I THINK IS TOTALLY UNFAIR. HE BRIEFED US. HE  
19 BRIEFED THEM. HE BRIEFED THE C.A.O. HE WORKED. HE NEGOTIATED  
20 IF THAT'S A TERM THAT COULD BE USED HERE. HE DISCUSSED IT. HE  
21 TRIED TO FIND MIDDLE GROUND. HE TRIED TO FIND AGREEMENT. WE  
22 ASKED THAT WE NEED TODAY CORRECT THIS. AND SO VERY FRANKLY,  
23 YOU KNOW, BEATING THIS UP EVERY WEEK AND THROUGH THIS  
24 MECHANISM IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SPEAK TO  
25 THE KIND OF INTEGRITY THAT WE NEED TO HAVE WHEN IT COMES TO



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1 ALL MANNERS THAT DEAL WITH MANAGEMENT AND LABOR. AND THE THING  
2 IS THAT ALL WE CAN HAVE, WHILE WE CAN DISAGREE, IS THAT WE  
3 NEED TO RESPECT EACH OTHER AND OUR PROCESSES.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO CONSEQUENTLY THIS HAS BEEN A PROCESS THAT  
8 HAS TOTALLY BEEN AS RESPECTFUL AS IT CAN OF EVERY PART OF  
9 LABOR MANAGEMENT AND LABOR UNIONS. AND IT'S BEEN RESPECTFUL IN  
10 EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LABOR FOLKS DISCUSSING AND DIALOGUING WITH  
11 US AND GIVING US EVERY BIT OF INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE. THEY  
12 WERE HONEST WITH US. I THINK THEY HAVE BEEN HONEST AT EVERY  
13 SINGLE STEP OF THE WAY. IF THERE HAVE BEEN MISTAKES, THEY  
14 CERTAINLY HAVEN'T BEEN ON OUR PART. AND I THINK BY ALLOWING A  
15 CONTINUANCE FOR NO REASON OTHER THAN "LET'S JUST DO IT BECAUSE  
16 THEY'RE ASKING", IT DOESN'T SPEAK TO ANY KIND OF CREDIBILITY  
17 TO A PROCESS THAT I THINK HAS-- I THINK THAT IT'S A TOUGH ONE,  
18 THIS MIDDLE GROUND EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE WANT TO FIND BALANCE.  
19 THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. AND I THINK BY DOING THIS AND  
20 ACQUIESCING JUST BECAUSE THEY ASK, WITHOUT PURPOSE, IS REALLY  
21 MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE. AND I REALLY WORRY ABOUT HOW WE ARE  
22 GOING TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE YEARS TO COME WHEN IT COMES TO  
23 THESE ISSUES. EACH OF US NEED TO BE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE  
24 ADVOCATES FOR OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT  
25 LABOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO DO IS RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND. THE



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1 MISTAKE WAS NOT ON OUR PART. IT IS TIME TO TAKE A VOTE AND THE  
2 VOTE SHOULD BE TODAY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
5 I WILL STATE AGAIN AND I HOPE THAT I CAN BE MORE CLEAR THAN I  
6 HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN UP TO THIS POINT IN TIME. IT IS NOT  
7 WITHOUT CONTEXT. THERE SEEMS TO BE AT LEAST A WILLINGNESS ON  
8 THE PART OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTS TO HAVE A CONVERSATION. THAT  
9 REMOVES THE LEVEL OF ACRIMONY AND THE FALSE ACCUSATIONS THAT  
10 TOOK PLACE. I WILL SAY WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK, I DO NOT FEEL  
11 LIKE I WAS PROPERLY INFORMED. AND I MADE THAT CLEAR. AND I  
12 SAID TO THE C.E.O. THAT THIS MATTER WAS NOT MANAGED IN A WAY  
13 THAT CAUSED ME TO APPRECIATE THAT THERE WAS FULL EMBRACE AND  
14 AGREEMENT. THAT WAS ONLY REINFORCED WHEN IT CAME FORWARD LAST  
15 WEEK BY THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF THESE UNIONS. THEY MADE THE  
16 REPRESENTATIONS THAT THEY DID. NOW, HAVING SAID THAT, THIS  
17 BOARD HAS ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR, AND NOT JUST THREE  
18 INDIVIDUALS, THAT ERCOM WILL CHANGE. THAT REALLY ISN'T THE  
19 ISSUE. BUT I THINK IF YOU CAN SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE  
20 TO TALK AND RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME  
21 MISUNDERSTANDINGS, PEOPLE MAY HAVE MADE SOME ALLEGATIONS THAT  
22 CAN'T BE EASILY SUBSTANTIATED, IT COMES BACK HERE ON OCTOBER  
23 THE EIGHTH. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS UNDER ANY FALSE  
24 IMPRESSION AS TO WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN. I DON'T PREDICT  
25 VOTES. BUT I'M SIMPLY SAYING THAT THE MESSAGE IS RATHER CLEAR.



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1 AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY'S CONFUSED ABOUT IT THAT THE  
2 COMPOSITION OF ERCOM IS APPROPRIATE TO CHANGE. THIS WOULD BE  
3 THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME  
4 THAT SINCE THERE'S NO RUSH TO ADOPT IT TODAY, IT'S BETTER TO  
5 BUY THAT GOOD WILL THAN TO LEAVE THIS IN A SPACE THAT WOULD BE  
6 LESS THAN SATISFACTORY. TO SUGGEST THAT'S WITHOUT CONTEXT, THE  
7 SPIRIT OF GOOD LABOR RELATIONSHIPS, LABOR MANAGEMENT  
8 RELATIONSHIPS, SEEMS TO ME TO BE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE HAS  
9 BEEN A FULL AND APPRECIATED EXHAUSTING OF THE ISSUES AND TERMS  
10 OF A CLARITY OF THE RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW, NOTHING MORE,  
11 NOTHING LESS. I THINK ALL OF US ARE ESSENTIALLY ON THE SAME  
12 PAGE WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTENT. THIS IS A MATTER OF PROCESS  
13 WHICH OUGHT NOT BE IGNORED. ALL RIGHT? I'M ESSENTIALLY ASKING  
14 FOR A TWO WEEKS' CONTINUANCE THAT IS TO OCTOBER 8. IT WOULD BE  
15 OCTOBER 1 IF WE WERE MEETING. SINCE WE ARE NOT, IT GETS MOVED  
16 TO THEN. SO THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
17 IF THERE'S NO OTHER CONVERSATION TO BE HAD ON THIS, PLEASE  
18 CALL THE ROLL.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE WE CALLING THE ROLL ON?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FOR TWO WEEKS' CONTINUANCE. ON  
23 THE SECOND READING.

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25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? NO.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO THE MOTION FAILS TO CARRY TO  
19 CONTINUE TWO WEEKS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT, THEN THE MATTER BEFORE US  
22 IS THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT. SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA?  
25 THIS IS TO MOVE THE MOTION.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** [INAUDIBLE.]

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE,

21 WHICH IS ITEM NO. 13. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE

22 AND I BROUGHT FORWARD, ESSENTIALLY IT CALLS FOR A BLUEPRINT

23 FOR PAY FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVES. AND I THINK THAT WE ARE

24 PRETTY MUCH READY TO GO FORWARD ON THIS UNLESS THERE ARE



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1 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THAT MIGHT BE RAISED OTHERWISE.

2 SUPERVISOR KNABE? I THINK WE ARE PRETTY GOOD.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT THIS WAS BEING CONTINUED FOR THREE  
5 WEEKS? (OFF MIC. COMMENT).

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE WE CONTINUE IT TO OCTOBER  
8 WHATEVER THE MEETING AFTER THE EIGHTH IS. FIFTEENTH?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECOND.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TILL?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 15TH.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IT'S TOO LONG,  
17 OBVIOUSLY. BUT LET ME INDICATE THAT IT WAS IN NOVEMBER 2012,  
18 IN THE INTEREST OF CLARIFICATION, THAT THIS ITEM CAME FORWARD.  
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I MOVED IT FORWARD. AND WHAT WE REALLY  
20 ARE TRYING TO DO IS FIND WAYS TO MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCY AND AT  
21 THE SAME TIME PRODUCE A HIGHER LEVEL OF RESULTS. NO MORE, NO  
22 LESS THAN THAT. AND THIS IS AN INNOVATIVE WAY, THE SOCIAL  
23 IMPACT BOND, SOME REFER TO THEM AS PAY FOR SUCCESS. WE HAVE  
24 EXAMPLES OF WHERE IT IS PORTENDING VERY POSITIVE RESULTS. AND  
25 I THINK BETWEEN NOW AND THE 15TH WE OUGHT TO GET AROUND, MAKE



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1 SURE THAT WE ARE COMFORTABLE WITH IT. THIS IS NOT TO BE  
2 CONSTRUED AS A BENEFIT FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR AT THE EXPENSE  
3 OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR. SO IF ANYONE HAS THOSE CONCERNS, WE  
4 OUGHT TO EXHAUST THEM.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC. COMMENT).

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BUT IF IT'S TOO EXPANSIVE,  
9 THEN WE OUGHT TO PILOT IT APPROPRIATELY AND SEE IF THIS WORKS.  
10 WE HAVE SOME EVIDENCE THAT THIS HAS A FAR REACHING SET OF  
11 IMPLICATIONS EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
12 ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE CALLING AND SAYING "YOU KNOW, WE WANT  
13 TO LEARN FROM L.A. COUNTY AS TO HOW TO DO THAT." THAT'S A GOOD  
14 THING. SO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE TRUST BY THE 15TH YOU'LL  
15 HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF READINESS. AND WHATEVER QUESTIONS YOU  
16 HAVE TO TIGHTEN THIS UP WOULD BE BROUGHT FORTH AT THAT TIME.  
17 THIS IS EXPLICITLY INTENDED TO JUST ASK THE C.E.O. TO WORK ON  
18 THE REFINEMENT OF THE CONCEPT PURSUANT TO THE NOVEMBER 2012  
19 MOTION, NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT  
20 THIS CONCEPT WILL BE ONE THAT WE CAN ALL EMBRACE. SUPERVISOR  
21 KNABE, NEED ANYTHING MORE ON THAT? ALL RIGHT. SO IT SEEMS TO  
22 ME THE WILL OF THE BODY TO MOVE TO OCTOBER 15TH. AND IF  
23 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I THINK WE'RE AT THE  
3 POINT OF ADJOURNMENTS AT THIS POINT IN TIME? WE BEGIN WITH  
4 S.D.3.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** S.D.3?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I MOVE THAT WE  
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ERIC JONES, THE SON OF JANICE JONES WHO  
12 IS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE CREDIT UNION BOARD PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY  
13 IN HIS SLEEP THIS PAST WEEKEND. HE WAS ONLY 41 YEARS OLD. HE  
14 IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS JANICE AND GEORGE, HIS WIFE KENA  
15 AND CHILDREN CAMERON AND ALEX. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY  
16 EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A  
17 GENTLEMAN I KNEW FOR A LONG TIME, MR. MILTON MACKAIG, JR. HE  
18 WAS A FORMER DOWNEY COUNCILMAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER, PASSED  
19 AWAY THIS MONTH AT THE AGE OF 85. NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES. WAS  
20 ELECTED TO THE COUNTY CITY COUNCIL IN 1978. REPRESENTING  
21 FOURTH DISTRICT THERE. HE WAS ELEVATED TO MAYOR PRO TEM IN  
22 1980 AND WAS SWORN IN AS DOWNEY'S 30TH MAYOR IN 1981. HE WAS A  
23 LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE DOWNEY ELKS, AND THE SHRINE, LOS  
24 ANGELES. DURING HIS TENURE ON THE CITY COUNCIL HE WORKED  
25 TIRELESSLY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF



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1 DOWNEY. HE WAS KNOWN AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC OFFICIAL. CARED  
2 DEEPLY ABOUT SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AND A PERSON WHO TRULY  
3 CARED ABOUT IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS. SURVIVED BY HIS  
4 WIFE GLORIA, SISTER SUSAN, BROTHER RICHARD, ALONG WITH MANY  
5 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS FRIENDS,  
6 FAMILY AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR.  
7 CHAIRMAN.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
12 THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS, REECE BONLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
13 90. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II PILOT. JOINED THE AIR FORCE AS A  
14 TAIL GUNNER. FLEW 25 MISSIONS IN HIS B-17S IN EUROPE INCLUDING  
15 THE INFAMOUS MUNSTER RAID. AFTER LEAVING THE AIR FORCE, HE  
16 BECAME A DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 22 YEARS.  
17 AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. CHARLIE COOKE, LONGTIME  
18 RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, HE WAS PROMINENT NATIVE-  
19 AMERICAN LEADER. CHARLIE SERVED AS THE CHIEF SPIRITUAL LEADER  
20 OF THE SOUTHERN BAND IN THE CHUMASH INDIANS AND HE'S SURVIVED  
21 BY HIS WIFE LINDA ENRIGHT COOKE AND HIS FOUR CHILDREN. FRIEDA  
22 GATZKE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN GABRIEL PASSED AWAY AT THE  
23 AGE OF 100. SECRETARY TO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF THE  
24 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS AND HER HUSBAND WAS  
25 ERICH WHO WAS FORMALLY THE WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF



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1 TRAINING FOR EMPLOYERS WAUSAU INSURANCE COMPANY. SHE IS  
2 SURVIVED BY SONS, DAUGHTERS. JUDGE ROBERT LONDON, PASSED AWAY  
3 AT THE AGE OF 80. HE SERVED ON THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR 11  
4 YEARS. FOLLOWING HIS TENURE ON THE SUPERIOR COURT HE BECAME A  
5 PRIVATE JUDGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS BROTHER AND  
6 CHILDREN. AND HANS ROBERT WOLF, PRESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA  
7 VALLEY, RETIRED CAPTAIN OF THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
8 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. PASSED  
9 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR  
12 MOLINA, ANY ADJOURNING? SUPERVISOR MOLINA? ANY ADJOURNING  
13 MOTIONS?

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I DO HAVE  
16 ADJOURNING MOTION. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
17 OF BELOVED HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH ERNIE JOHNSON. HE PASSED  
18 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. FROM 1956 TO 1968 ERNIE JOHNSON  
19 EXPERTLY COACHED THE EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL IN PICO RIVERA  
20 WHICH OF COURSE IS MY ALMA MATER. DURING HIS TENURE HE  
21 COMPILED A PHENOMENAL RECORD WHICH INCLUDED THREE SOUTHERN  
22 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS AND ONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN 1966.  
23 GENERATIONS OF EL RANCHO STUDENTS LOVINGLY REMEMBER COACH  
24 JOHNSON I'M HONORED TODAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS LIFE AND HIS  
25 LEGACY. WE CAN'T TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS



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1 ENTIRE FAMILY. I UNDERSTAND HE COACHED, AS WELL, IN CERRITOS  
2 COLLEGE, AS WELL, AND LED THEM, AS WELL. AND IT'S BEEN  
3 TERRIFIC. GREAT COACH AND A GREAT MAN.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
6 MOLINA. WILLIAM C. BYERS, BORN MARCH 31, 1925 IN CHERRYVILLE,  
7 NORTH CAROLINA AND PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER THE 11TH AT THE  
8 AGE OF 88. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE  
9 UNIVERSITARIO DE LAS AMERICAS IN MEXICO CITY AND EARNED HIS  
10 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY IN DETROIT,  
11 MICHIGAN. MR. BYERS RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1965 AND  
12 CONTINUED HIS CAREER IN EDUCATION AS A TEACHER AND COUNSELOR  
13 AT ALAIN LOCKE HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE REMAINED FOR SOME 22  
14 YEARS. HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE BOWLING LEAGUE AT LOCKE HIGH AND  
15 ALSO FORMED THE WEST COASTERS TRAVEL CLUB. HE WAS A MEMBER OF  
16 NUMEROUS MUSEUMS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND WAS PROUD TO BE AN  
17 INAUGURAL MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
18 HISTORY AND CULTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C. CELEBRATED FOR HIS  
19 TALENT AS A SAXOPHONIST AND ARTIST, MR. BYERS WILL BE  
20 REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE AND VAST KNOWLEDGE OF JAZZ AND HIS  
21 COMMITMENT TO FAMILY, CIVIL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE. MR. BYERS IS  
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE STEPHANIE, CHILDREN ADRIENNE AND WILLIAM,  
23 SISTER BETTY, BROTHER ROLAND AND MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO  
24 WILL IN FACT MISS HIM VERY, VERY DEARLY. THEN THERE'S CECIL  
25 FERGERSON, BORN ON JULY 6, 1931 OUTSIDE OF BOLEY, OKLAHOMA AND



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1 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AT THE AGE OF 82. HIS FAMILY  
2 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES WHEN HE WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD AND THEY  
3 RESIDED IN WATTS. UPON GRADUATING FROM JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL, HE  
4 WAS HIRED AS A JANITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF  
5 HISTORY, SCIENCE AND ART. MR. FERGERSON WORKED HIS WAY UP  
6 THROUGH THE RANKS FROM THE POSITION OF MUSEUM HELPER AND  
7 ULTIMATELY CURATORIAL ASSISTANT AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART IN THE 1960S. HIS PASSION FOR ART  
9 LED MR. FERGERSON TO COFOUND THE BLACK ARTS COUNCIL AND AFTER  
10 LEAVING L.A.C.M.A. IN 1985 HE ADVOCATED FOR ARTISTS OF COLOR  
11 BY CREATING MANY SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITIONS AT VENUES THROUGHOUT  
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FERGERSON'S TIRELESS EFFORTS EARNED  
13 HIM RECOGNITION BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS A LIVING  
14 CULTURAL TREASURE CREDITED FOR CHANGING THE CULTURE OF LOS  
15 ANGELES. HE SERVED AS A CURATOR FOR SHOWS AT THE WILLIAM GRANT  
16 STILL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER AND WATTS TOWERS ARTS CENTER. HE  
17 RECEIVED VARIOUS AWARDS AND IMPARTED WISDOM TO YOUNG PEOPLE  
18 AND UP AND COMING ARTISTS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR INDELIBLE  
19 IMPRINT HE LEFT ON THE WORLD OF ART AND THE MANY LIVES THAT HE  
20 TOUCHED. MR. FERGERSON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MIRIAM, HIS  
21 CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF  
22 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH  
23 IS THE ARTS COMMUNITY ITSELF. THAT CONCLUDES THE ADJOURNING  
24 MOTIONS THAT I HAVE FOR TODAY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE  
25 BALANCE OF ITEMS BEFORE US?



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THAT ITEM EARLIER  
3 TODAY WE WERE GOING TO TAKE THAT UP. IT WAS CONTINUED TWO  
4 WEEKS. BUT WE WERE HOLDING IT FOR A PUBLIC SPEAKER WHO DID NOT  
5 SPEAK ON IT. SO IF I COULD JUST GET APPROVAL. IT WILL BE  
6 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN WE'RE IN PUBLIC COMMENT.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU. JULIO  
13 MARQUEZ, ERIC PREVEN, SKYE COSTELLOE, ARNOLD SACHS, BOBBY  
14 COOPER, OSCAR JOHNSON, JOHN WALSH, ANTALIAH THOMAS, ANNABELLA  
15 MAZARIEGOS, TERESIJA SIGMUND, HUGH KENNY AND MORRIS GRIFFIN IF  
16 YOU WOULD COME FORWARD IN THAT ORDER, IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY  
17 TO BE HEARD. MR. SACHS PLEASE PROCEED. MR. JOHNSON FOLLOW. MR.  
18 THOMAS AFTER THOSE GENTLEMEN, YOU WILL BE HEARD.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. FASCINATING  
21 MEETING TODAY. THE TERM VENDETTA CAME UP ONE MINUTE. THAT'S  
22 WHERE YOU USE YOUR POWER TO RESENT OR QUASH SOMEBODY ELSE'S  
23 OPINIONS TO A CERTAIN DEGREE. AND IT'S BEEN A VENDETTA HERE  
24 SINCE YOU'VE BEEN CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
25 REGARDING PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. YOU KNOW, I



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1 UNDERSTAND THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU ARE THE PRESIDENT PRO  
2 TEM. AND SO WHEN YOU BECOME CHAIR PERSON NEXT YEAR, WILL YOU  
3 GO BACK TO THE SAME ROUTINE YOU HAD WHEN YOU WERE CHAIR FIVE  
4 YEARS AGO AND ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA  
5 AS THEY PUT CARDS IN? OR WILL YOU MAINTAIN THE SAME FIASCO  
6 WHERE THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS THE CASUALTY IN ANY INPUT THAT  
7 OCCURS BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.  
10 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MR. JOHNSON.

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12 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME'S OSCAR JOHNSON. I SPEAK FOR THE  
13 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR. BUT I KNOW THE  
14 LAST WEEK THAT WE SPOKE HERE TUESDAY, THAT FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY  
15 NIGHT WE DID NOT HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON TELEVISION. IT WAS  
16 AXED OUT. I THINK IT WAS AN INTENTION OR TWO. BUT SOME TYPE OF  
17 WAY WE CAN CALL EACH OTHERS [EXPLITIVE] AND MONKEYS AND THIS  
18 AND THAT BUT WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT THOSE [EXPLITIVE] AND  
19 DESTRUCTIVE CATHOLICS, SOMETHING WRONG WITH US THAT WE'RE OUT  
20 HEARING THINGS AND IT GOES ANOTHER WAY. BUT I DO THINK AMERICA  
21 WOULD BE A BETTER COUNTRY IF WE COULD LIVE BY THE CONSTITUTION  
22 THAT GOVERN US. THE CONSTITUTION OF AMERICA SAY MARRIAGE,  
23 FAMILY FIRST. IF WE'RE NOT MARRIED, WE'RE REALLY NOT  
24 RECOGNIZING TRUE AMERICA. WE SHOULD HAVE MORAL EDUCATION  
25 TODAY. WE SHOULD HAVE MORAL SCHOOLS TODAY BUT BECAUSE OUR



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1 SCHOOLS IN AMERICA REALLY FAILING AND MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLES  
2 THAT EXCELLING THAT GOES TO SCHOOLS GO TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS  
3 TODAY BECAUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS REALLY FAILED US AND THE  
4 PARENTS HAVE REALLY FAILED THEIR CHILDREN TODAY.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK  
7 YOU, MR. JOHNSON.

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9 **SPEAKER:** MY THEORY IS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND GOING BACK TO  
10 THE HEALTH CRISIS WITH FORECLOSURES. I GUESS ONCE A PERSON'S  
11 BEEN KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOME, THEY'VE BEEN SHOCKED FROM  
12 MOVING FROM THEIR HOMES IF THEY'VE BEEN THERE 40 PLUS YEARS. I  
13 STILL THINK EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD A HOUSE BILL AND A BAILOUT,  
14 IT REALLY DIDN'T GO TO THE HOMEOWNERS; IT WENT TO THE  
15 INVESTORS. AND I FELT THAT IT SHOULD BE A PUBLIC FORUM FOR  
16 INVESTORS TO BE GIVEN THAT MONEY BACK THAT THE STATE OF  
17 CALIFORNIA HAS GIVEN OUT AND THEN GIVE TO THE HOMEOWNERS.  
18 SECOND OF ALL WITH EMPLOYMENT, I THINK WE NEED TO FIX IT  
19 REALLY BAD. THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD WORKERS AND I THINK A LOT OF  
20 JOBS ARE GOING BASED ON THEIR CREDIT, NOT BY THE PERSON ABLE  
21 TO WORK. I THINK THAT SHOULD BE FIXED. EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A  
22 LOT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS, THEY HAVE EDUCATION, B.A.'S, THEY'RE  
23 NOT WORKING. THEY'RE THINKING THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT IS GOING TO  
24 HELP THEM. IT'S NOT HELPING THEM. THEY'RE SITTING AT HOME  
25 LOOKING FOR A JOB, GOING TO WORKFORCE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
3 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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5 **ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS:** I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT C.C.J.C.C.  
6 MEETING BE TELEVISED. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO KNOW  
7 WHAT IS GOING ON THERE. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT  
8 PRIVATE INVESTIGATION IN THIS SITUATION WITH THE INMATES IN  
9 THE COUNTY JAILS BECAUSE THE CODE OF SILENCE. INTERNAL  
10 INVESTIGATION IS NOT GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE PEOPLE  
11 FEARS OF RETALIATION. ALSO, WE DO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS WITHIN  
12 LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEY WORK VERY STRESSFUL. AND ALSO SOME OF  
13 THEM, THEY COME AGGRESSIVE TO THE KIDS AND TO THEIR FAMILIES,  
14 THEIR WIVES. AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO  
15 HAVE MENTAL DISABILITIES. P.T.S.D. IS REAL IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
16 WE NEED TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES SO THEY DON'T SNAP ON THE  
17 COMMUNITIES, THEY DON'T SNAP AT WORK. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.  
18 AND ONE MORE. WHEN THE INMATES ARE RELEASED FROM COUNTY JAIL,  
19 THEIR MEDICATION IS THROWN OUT ON THE TRASH. WE NEED TO SEND  
20 THEM OUT WITH MEDICATION. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
23 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** I STAND CORRECTED. APPARENTLY YOU MADE THE  
2 ETHICAL CHOICE LAST WEEK ON CARRYING IT OVER. SO I APOLOGIZE,  
3 I WAS MISINFORMED. BUT AGAIN HERE I AM, SAME ISSUE. MY  
4 VISITATION WITH THE D.C.F.S. IS A JOKE TO EVERYBODY  
5 APPARENTLY. LAST WEEK BEFORE THEY DIDN'T BRING THE CHILDREN AT  
6 ALL. THIS WEEK MY OUTSPOKEN SON, THE FOUR-YEAR-OLD RIVER, HAS  
7 A DENTAL APPOINTMENT, THE ONE HOUR A WEEK THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO  
8 SEE HIM, HE'S NOT THERE. INTERESTING THAT'S RIGHT AFTER A  
9 SEQUENCE OF MEETINGS IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN VERY VOCAL ABOUT  
10 WANTING TO COME HOME. MY OTHER SON, SANTON, IS TOTALLY  
11 DETERIORATING. HIS FAITH THAT YOU ARE DENYING US. YOU'RE THE  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOU CAN'T GET IT STRAIGHT THAT OUR  
13 FAMILY HAS A RIGHT, A RELIGIOUS RIGHT, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
14 TO THAT RELIGION. AS SEVENTH ADVENTISTS THAT WE ARE TO  
15 PRACTICE THAT. YOU HAVE DENIED MY FAMILY FOR YEARS NOW TO  
16 PRACTICE OUR FAITH, FOR THESE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE TO  
17 PRACTICE THEIR FAITH AND THAT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND YOU DO  
18 NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. DO NOT SEND ME TO THAT PERSON THAT  
19 DOES NOTHING. SEND ME TO A PERSON WHO'S GOING TO GET MY KIDS  
20 THEIR FAITH BACK.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FINAL  
23 SPEAKER PLEASE.

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1 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** MORRIS GRIFFIN. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I  
2 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FIRST AND FOREMOST FOR STAYING IN THE  
3 BLACK AS OPPOSED TO THE RED DURING OUR FAST RECESSION AND  
4 DEPRESSION OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. I'M HERE TODAY TO DEAL  
5 WITH THE \$24.7 BILLION THAT'S IN OUR BUDGET. WE WERE TOLD BY  
6 C.E.O. FUJIOKA THAT WE WOULD STRONGLY CONSIDER A GOOD  
7 BARGAINING, GOOD FAITH BARGAINING IF WE WERE ABLE TO COME UP  
8 WITH COST SAVINGS IDEAS. I SAT HERE FIVE YEARS AGO AND CAME UP  
9 WITH A SUGGESTION OF PUTTING LIGHTS UNDER TIMERS. THAT HAS  
10 SAVED THE COUNTY A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY. NOW WE'RE TOLD WE'RE  
11 GOING TO BE RECEIVING 4 PERCENT FOR TWO YEARS. THAT, SIR, IS  
12 AN INSULT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE FOR THE 55,000 EMPLOYEES. WE'RE  
13 ASKING YOU TO GIVE US A FAIR BUDGET, A FAIR CONTRACT THIS  
14 COMING YEAR. THIS IS THE MOST MONEY THE COUNTY HAS EVER  
15 RECEIVED IN THE HISTORY OF ITS BUDGET, AND WE JUST ASK THAT  
16 YOU WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 12 TO 14 PERCENT.  
17 THAT'S ALL OF MY TIME. THANKS FOR YOURS.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
20 THAT CONCLUDES THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC  
21 COMMENT TODAY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO  
22 CLOSED SESSION.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
25 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
2 C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT  
3 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-5, DEPARTMENT HEAD  
4 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, ITEM NO. C.S.-6, CONFERENCE WITH  
5 LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, DESIGNATED STAFF AND SEAN  
6 ROGAN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND  
7 DESIGNATED STAFF. ITEM NO. C.S.-7, CONFERENCE WITH REAL  
8 PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS RICHARD VOLPERT, DOMINIC DIVET, JERRY  
9 HERZBERG, ALMA MARTINEZ AND WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AS INDICATED ON  
10 THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT  
11 NEXT WEEK'S BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED, THEREFORE THE  
12 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED  
13 FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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1       **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

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5       In open session, items CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4 were  
6       continued two weeks to October 8, 2013.

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8       In closed session, item CS-5 was continued two weeks to  
9       October 8, 2013.

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11       No reportable action was taken on item CS-6.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

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6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
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10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th  
16 day of October 2013, for the County records to be used only  
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